

ORDINANCE NO. 4519

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners and tenant of the property located at 923 King Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for a brick veneer wall at that location.

WHEREAS, Conklyn=s Florist & S/R Flowers, Inc., are the Owners (AOwners@) of the property located at 923 King Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Allen Ramazon is the Tenant (“Tenant@) of the property located at 923 King Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Owners and Tenant desire to establish and maintain a brick veneer to an existing wall which will encroach into the public sidewalk right-of-way at that location; and

WHEREAS, the public sidewalk right-of-way at that location will not be significantly impaired by this encroachment; and

WHEREAS, this encroachment has been approved by the Planning Commission of the City of Alexandria at one of its regular meetings subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Council of the City of Alexandria that this encroachment is not detrimental to the public interest; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Owners and Tenant be, and the same hereby are, authorized to establish and maintain an encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way at 923 King Street, in the City of Alexandria, said encroachment consisting of a brick veneer on the existing block wall that faces west and fronts on North Patrick extending approximately 5 inches into the public right of way for a length of approximately 31.51 feet, as generally shown on the plat attached hereto, and as approved by the Old and Historic Board of Architectural Review, until the encroachment is removed or destroyed or the authorization to maintain it is terminated by the city; provided, that this authorization to establish and maintain the encroachment shall not be construed to relieve Owners or Tenant of liability for any negligence on their part on account of or in connection with the encroachment and shall be subject to the provisions set forth below.

Section 2. That the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain said encroachment shall be subject to and conditioned upon Owners and/or Tenant maintaining, at all times and at their own expense, liability insurance, covering both bodily injury and property damage, with a company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia and with minimum limits as follows:

Bodily Injury:                      \$1,000,000 each occurrence  
   \$1,000,000 aggregate

Property Damage:                 \$1,000,000 each occurrence  
  \$1,000,000 aggregate

This liability insurance policy shall identify the City of Alexandria and Owners and/or Tenant as named insureds and shall provide for the indemnification of the City of Alexandria and Owners and/or Tenant against any and all loss occasioned by the establishment, construction, placement, existence, use or maintenance of the encroachment. Evidence of the policy and any renewal thereof shall be filed with the city attorney's office. Any other provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event this policy of insurance lapses, is canceled, is not renewed or otherwise ceases to be in force and effect, the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall, at the option of the city, forthwith and without notice or demand by the city, terminate. In that event, Owners and Tenant shall, upon notice from the city, remove the encroachment from the public right-of-way, or the city, at its option, may remove the encroachment at the expense and risk of Owners and Tenant. Nothing in this section shall relieve Owners and Tenant of their obligations and undertakings required under this ordinance.

Section 3. That the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain said encroachment shall in addition be subject to and conditioned upon the following terms:

- (a) Neither the City of Alexandria nor any public or private utility company shall be responsible for damage to Owners' or Tenant's property encroaching into the public right-of-way during repair, maintenance or replacement of the public right-of-way or any public facilities or utilities in the area of encroachment.
- (b) The Owners and Tenant shall be responsible for replacement and repairs to the adjacent City right-of-way, including any areas damaged during construction activity.

Section 4. That by accepting the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain the encroachment and by so establishing and/or maintaining the encroachment, Owners and Tenant shall be deemed to have promised and agreed to save harmless the City of Alexandria from any and all liability (including attorneys' fees and litigation expenses) arising by reason of the establishment, construction, placement, existence, use or maintenance of the encroachment.

Section 5. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be subject to Owners and Tenant maintaining the area of the encroachment at all times unobstructed and free from accumulation of litter, snow, ice and other potentially dangerous matter.

Section 6. That nothing in this ordinance is intended to constitute, or shall be deemed to be, a waiver of sovereign immunity by or on behalf of the City of Alexandria or any of its officers or employees.

Section 7. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be terminated whenever the City of Alexandria desires to use the affected public right-of-way for any purpose whatsoever and, by written notification, demands from Owners or Tenant the removal of the encroachment. Said removal shall be completed by the date specified in the notice and shall be accomplished by Owners or Tenant without cost to the city. If Owners or Tenant cannot be found, or shall fail or neglect to remove the encroachment within the time specified, the city shall have the right to remove the encroachment, at the expense of Owners or Tenant, and shall not be liable to Owners or Tenant for any loss or damage to the structure of the encroachment or personal property within the encroachment area, caused by the removal.

Section 8. The terms AOwners@ and ATenant@ shall be deemed to include Conklyn=s Florist & S/R Flowers, Inc., Conklyn=s Inc., and Allen Ramazon and their respective successors in interest.

Section 9. That this ordinance shall be effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE  
Mayor

Attachment: Encroachment plat

Final Passage: February 23, 2008