

ORDINANCE NO. 5030

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-7-7 (Display of prices on signs; enforcement; penalty) of Chapter 7 (Filling Stations) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulations) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 9-7-7 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by deleting the text shown in strikethrough and adding the text shown in underline as follows:

**Sec. 9-7-7 - Display of prices on signs; enforcement; penalty.**

(a) Each gasoline supplier shall provide and each retail dealer shall maintain and display publicly ~~at least six feet above grade or eight feet above a sidewalk, on a post or pole~~ **on a permitted monument sign that is less than 6 feet in height**, located upon the premises under the control of the retail dealer, price signs that are seen easily from the street and that face both directions of traffic on the nearest public street or way. Such signs shall state the total price per gallon, including all taxes, of no less than two, but no more than three of the motor fuels available at the premises. All figures, including fractions, upon such signs shall be of the same size and shall be block type, and shall be a minimum of eight inches, and a maximum of 12 inches high, with a stroke width of two inches. The figures shall be in black print on a white or light colored background; provided, however, that the city manager, or the designee of the manager, may, on a case-by-case basis, grant a limited variation in such color requirements if he or she finds that the variation will meet the spirit and intent of this section and will provide the same degree of protection to consumers as is afforded by the color scheme specified above. The sign shall be no less than three feet in width and no less than four feet in height, shall be no greater than four feet in width and five feet in height, and shall be only square or rectangular in shape. Such sign shall be counted against the total free-standing sign allowance provided under current zoning ordinances.

Section 2. That Section 9-7-7 as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

ALLISON SILBERBERG  
Mayor

Final Passage: June 18, 2016