

ORDINANCE NO. 5440

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Sections 5-8-84 and 5-8-112 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. 5-8-84 - Pay by phone parking fee within a residential permit parking district.

- (a) Purpose. On residential blocks adjacent to metered areas, which are often occupied by vehicles belonging to non-residents of the district, a pay by phone parking fee may be implemented that requires non-residents of the district to pay to park on the block during the posted times.
- (b) Parking restrictions. Residential blocks with a pay by phone parking fee shall prohibit parking in designated areas by motor vehicles which do not display a valid parking permit for that district or have not submitted appropriate payment through either the pay by phone application referenced on the posted signage, a city parking meter, or other authorized payment method.
 - (1) The hourly parking fee shall be ~~consistent with the cost of a meter as established in section 5-8-93~~ set in accordance with the terms of resolution of the city council.
 - (2) The hours during which a parking fee is applicable shall be consistent with the existing posted hours of restriction. Changes to the posted hours shall be reviewed by the traffic and parking board pursuant to section 5-8-72(b).
- (c) Establishment. A pay by phone parking fee may be added to certain designated residential permit parking district blocks in accordance with the following criteria and procedures:
 - (1) The area subject to parking fee must be on a block with existing metered spaces, adjacent to an existing metered block, or adjacent to a block where a residential pay by phone parking fee has also been approved. For the purposes of this subsection (1), an area that consists of multiple adjacent blocks may be considered simultaneously, so long as one block meets this locational requirement, and provided that all other requirements of this section are met for each individual block.
 - (2) Reserved. ~~The block must be located within the area bounded on the north by the north side of Princess Street, on the west by the east side of Washington Street, on the south by the south side of Wolfe Street and on the east by the Potomac River.~~

- (3) The area subject to parking fee must already be posted with residential parking restrictions.
- (4) The request to add a pay by phone parking fee must be initiated by the residents of the block through a petition signed by an occupant of more than 50 percent of the residential properties abutting the block and submitted to the city manager. For the purposes of this section, the owner or managing agent of a residential property that is an apartment building may sign a petition in lieu of the occupants of the apartment building. In the event that a portion of the block is abutted by a property owned by a homeowner's association or condominium association, a letter of endorsement by the association's board of directors or other governing body may be submitted or the governing body may sign a petition in lieu of the occupants of the residential property.
- (5) Upon receipt of a petition for a block meeting the criteria established above, the director of transportation and environmental services shall direct staff to conduct a survey of the parking conditions on the block. The survey shall be taken during the hours of the existing residential parking restrictions. If staff observes that 75 percent or more of the available parking spaces on the block are occupied, the director shall forward the request to the traffic and parking board for its review and recommendation at a public hearing.
- (6) If less than 75 percent of the available spaces are occupied, additional surveys may be made at other times of the day. If the surveys do not so demonstrate, the petition shall be deemed denied and no further action will be taken.
- (7) Following the board's recommendation, the director of transportation and environmental services shall decide the petition and cause his or her decision to be implemented; provided that in the event the director decides not to adopt the recommendation of the board or, whether or not in accord with the recommendation of the board, decides to deny the petition, he or she shall notify the board pursuant to section 5-8-5.
- (8) Parking restrictions may be removed from a block face in accordance with section 5-8-76.

Sec. 5-8-112 - Establishment of metered parking lots.

The city council may establish certain city owned parcels used for providing open air off street parking for vehicles as metered parking lots by adopting a resolution designating the location of the lot, the hours and rates to be used for the meters in the lot and any other necessary regulations for such meters. The traffic and parking board shall review the proposed metered parking lot and provide a recommendation, including hours and rates, to the city council prior to the adoption of such resolution. A change in rates to be used for the meters in the lot

following the lot's establishment may be set in accordance with the terms of resolution of the city council.

Section 2. That Chapter 8 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.

JUSTIN M. WILSON
Mayor

Final Passage: June 18, 2022