

RESOLUTION NO. 57

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, favors enactment of legislation by the Congress to clear title to a portion of the City's waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to reaffirm the City's commitment to the principles of fair treatment for all property owners, free and convenient access by all citizens to the public resources at and near the waterfront, and the application of all possible planning and development methods that will protect and enhance all dimensions of the waterfront environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia that:

1. Recognizing that the provision for a 10-foot walkway is a minimum requirement, the City intends, wherever practicable, to provide a walkway wider than 10 feet and to develop 11 or more acres as park areas on the waterfront, whether any more land is filled.

2. The City has no intention of degrading the character of Oronoco Bay by permitting filling.

3. The City will provide free and convenient public access to the park areas and the Potomac River wherever possible and to the walkway along the river at frequent intervals.

4. No development will be permitted south of Queen Street within the Old and Historic District that is incompatible with the residential density and character of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as possible after Congressional enactment of the waterfront title bill, the City Council will adopt guidelines for land use and development, an ordinance governing dredging and filling, and a plan for coordinating transportation, recreation, sewerage, and other public facilities with population settlement and growth in the waterfront area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approval of the proposed waterfront title bill is granted with the understanding and commitment that wherever the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the City of Alexandria governing waterfront area and Old and Historic District land use, development, zoning, height limits, density, and related matters and procedures, are more stringent or restrictive than the provisions of Federal statutes, the State or local laws shall be applied.

Adopted August 9, 1971