

RESOLUTION NO. 245

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia desires to acquire the interest or interests, if any, that are or maybe outstanding with regard to land located within the City of Alexandria for municipal purposes; and the City Council is of the opinion that a proper public purpose exists for the acquisition of the said outstanding interest or interests, if any, in the parcel of land located within the City of Alexandria hereinafter more particularly described; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria believes that it is already the owner of said parcel, but that sufficient question exists as to the possibility of an interest or interests in the land other than that of the City so that said possible interest or interests should be extinguished; and

WHEREAS, the City cannot agree on terms of purchase or settlement of said possible interest or interests, if any, with the owners, if any, because the owners, if any, of said possible interest or interests in the land are not ascertainable with definiteness, but are described as Elizabeth Ann Steinrock, if still living or her grantees and if she is dead, the children of Elizabeth Ann Steinrock and Bartram G. Steinrock, if any, living at the death of Elizabeth Ann Steinrock, if they are still living, and if they are dead the heirs, devisees, grantees or representatives of said aforementioned children, if any, and if there were no such children living at the death of Elizabeth Ann Steinrock, then Bartram G. Steinrock, if still living, and if dead the heirs, devisees, grantee or representatives of Bartram G. Steinrock; and

WHEREAS, the City is empowered by Chapter 13 of the City Charter and by general laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia to acquire private property for public purpose

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

That pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City Attorney, or such other attorney as may be retained by the City, is hereby authorized and directed to institute an appropriate condemnation proceeding in the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, and to take such action as may be necessary to conduct the proceeding to a satisfactory conclusion in order to acquire or confirm a valid marketable title to the following described property for municipal purposes;

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND THE SUBJECT OF THIS PROCEEDING

The following is a strip of land approximately 15'5" more or less wide by 95' more or less long fronting on First Street in the City of Alexandria as follows:

"a piece of ground in the said City of Alexandria, bounded as follows:

Beginning on the north side of the first street laid out north of Montgomery Street and parallel thereto at a point distant 30 feet 11 inches, west from Royal Street extended and running west with said first street of 15 feet 5 inches more or less then north parallel to Royal Street extended 95 feet more or less to an alley 14 feet wide, then east with said alley and parallel to said first street 15 feet 5 inches more or less, then by a straight line to the beginning, with the right of way over said alley and the alleys connecting therewith in common with others entitled thereto, and subject to existing public utility easements, if any. It being necessary and intended to acquire any outstanding interest to complete marketable title in the City to the entire square bounded by Royal Street, Pitt Street, First Street and Second Street."

That, based on its belief that the City is already the owner of the land in question, and based on the fact that the City has held open, notorious and hostile possession of this land since at least 1948, the possible interest or interests, if any, sought to be condemned in this proceeding is considered to have only a nominal value; and it is therefore considered that just compensation for the interest or interests, if any, in the land to be taken in this proceeding for municipal purposes is the nominal amount of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00); and said sum shall be deposited for this purpose in a bank within the City of Alexandria, to the credit of the Court upon the institution of the condemnation proceeding.

Adopted October 9, 1973

Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council