

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE ON REGULATION
OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council, at its 1973 Conference, identified the following goal:

Continue all actions to establish an orderly growth policy to include specific "area and environmental studies" to determine what the result of a development will be, what its undesirable consequences are and what the municipality can do to minimize the undesirable consequences.

AND WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Committee in its Proposed Comprehensive Plan, dated January 1, 1972, identified nineteen potential growth areas within the City where development may ensue before 1980; and

WHEREAS, there are indications that the current zoning applying to a number of these potential growth areas allows a greater intensity of development than is consistent with the City's desires and objectives relating to traffic volumes, air and other types of pollution, municipal activities and services, maintenance of residential neighborhoods and other quality of life considerations for Alexandrians; and

WHEREAS, zoning, in combination with subdivision, site planning, flood control, building code, and all other currently established means of regulating growth and development, does not provide the City government with adequate means of controlling and regulating growth and development; and

WHEREAS, there is sharpened awareness across the United States today that control and regulation of growth and development is a widespread and increasingly important problem, and state and local governments across the nation therefore are taking steps to strengthen governmental controls and regulations over the types, densities, locations, designs and timing of developments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council by separate resolution is establishing a separate Committee on Potential Growth Areas to evaluate the potential effects, benefits, costs, and timing of growth and development in ten of the potential growth areas identified by the Planning Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to establish a separate committee to concentrate on finding ways to strengthen the methods of controlling and regulating growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that this committee be composed of certain staff specialists, supplemented by citizens who possess special competence and interest in this subject area;

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

1. That an 11-member Committee on Regulation of Growth and Development be immediately appointed and established by the City Council.

2. That the membership of this Committee include:

- 1 Planning Commission member
- City Attorney or his representative
- Planning and Community Development Director
- Public Works Director
- 2 Attorneys
- 2 citizen members associated with the development process
- 3 general citizen members

3. That the establishment of the committee be publicized and all candidates for appointment submit their applications to the City Clerk by the close of business on January 15, 1974 for consideration by the City Council and appointment at the meeting of City Council on January 22, 1974.

4. That this Committee on Regulation of Growth and Development is hereby charged with the responsibility to conduct its studies and to report to the City Council by August 31, 1974, so as to preserve the possibility of seeking any legislation it may recommend during the 1975 session of the Virginia General Assembly. The committee is charged with responsibility to review the laws and practices currently employed by the City of Alexandria to control and regulate growth and development in an effort to appropriately strengthen such laws and practices and is also to study whether additional laws and practices are necessary and desirable to control and regulate growth and development. The committee shall also determine, to the extent possible, whether any changes in laws and practices it recommends can be legally sustained as an appropriate exercise of governmental power.

5. That the Mayor shall name the convener of the committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman and vice chairman.

6. That the committee shall receive staff support from the City Attorney and the Planning and Community Development director and, as required, from the City Manager.

7. That the committee may adopt its own rules of procedure, provided that these rules are not in conflict with the provisions of this resolution.

Adopted December 26, 1973

Helen Vickers, Clerk of the City of
Alexandria, Virginia