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## Ordinance No. 470

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AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 28, of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940, and made effective August 5, 1940, by adding an article numbered XVI relating generally to zoning and particularly creating an Old and Historic Alexandria District, creating a board of Architectural Review and defining its powers and duties, and requiring all building permits in said district to be approved by said board.

Whereas, pursuant to due and timely notice of the time and place of hearing published in a paper of general circulation in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a public hearing was held in relation to the matters hereinafter set forth, at which public hearing parties in interest and citizens had an opportunity to be heard,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Chapter 28 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended by adding an article numbered XVI following Article XV, said article to read as follows:

### ARTICLE XVI Old and Historic Alexandria District.

#### Sec. 32. Creation of the district.

There is hereby created in the City of Alexandria a district to be known as the "Old and Historic Alexandria District", which is bounded on the north by Montgomery Street, on the east by the Potomac River, on the south by Hunting Creek, and on the west by Alfred Street and that street extended southwardly.

#### Sec. 33. Certificate of appropriateness; its purpose.

In order to promote the general welfare through the preservation and protection of historic places and areas of historic interest in the City of Alexandria and through the preservation of the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Highway, no building or structure shall hereafter be erected, reconstructed, altered or restored unless and until the application for the building permit shall have been approved as to exterior architectural features which are subject to public view from a public street, way or place. Evidence of such required approval shall be a Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Board of Architectural Review hereinafter created.

**Sec. 33-A**

No building within the Old and Historic Alexandria District in 1846 or prior thereto shall be razed without first obtaining a permit approved by the Board of Architectural Review and said Board shall be empowered to refuse such a permit for any structure of such architectural or historic interest, the removal of which in the opinion of said Board would be detrimental to the public interest of this City.

**Sec. 34. Board of Architectural Review.**

For the purpose of making effective the provisions of this article, there is hereby created a board to be known as the "Board of Architectural Review", to be composed of seven members who are citizens of the City of Alexandria, six of whom shall be appointed by the City Council. Two members shall be certified architects; one a member of the City Planning Commission; one an established, licensed real estate broker in the city; and two persons with knowledge of and demonstrated interest in the historical character of the old part of the city. The building inspector shall be a member by virtue of his office. The term of office of the members shall be three years, except that the term of the building inspector shall correspond to his official tenure of office. Any appointed member of the board may be removed from office by the Council after public hearing for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Sec. 35. Organization; meetings; records.**

The Board of Architectural Review shall elect its chairman and the building inspector shall be its secretary. The board shall meet within ten (10) days after notification by the building inspector of an application for a building permit, and it shall keep a permanent record of its resolutions, transactions and determinations.

**Sec. 36. Powers and duties of board.**

The Board of Architectural Review shall pass upon the appropriateness of exterior architectural features of buildings and structures hereafter erected, reconstructed, altered or restored in the Old and Historic Alexandria District wherever such exterior features are subject to public view from a public street, way or place. All plans, elevations and other information deemed necessary by the board to determine the appropriateness of the exterior features to be passed upon shall be made available to the board by the applicant through the building inspector.