

## Ordinance No. 656

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 7, Chapter X of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940, and made effective August 5, 1940, which said chapter relates to signs, and which said section relates to awnings.

### THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

- (1) That Section 7, Chapter X of the Code of the City of Alexandria, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

#### SECTION 7—AWNINGS.

- (a)—Canvas or metal awnings in Commercial or Industrial zones shall be suspended from the building on metal frame work and entirely supported by the walls of the building.
- (b)—Canvas or metal awnings may extend not more than (60) inches beyond the front building line, except by special permission of the City Manager, and the bottom of such awning shall be at least (7) feet above the finished grade of sidewalk used by the public. Except that in no case shall it be closer than (1) foot to the vertical plane of the street curb or gutter.
- (c)—When side arms are used, the bottom of the side arm at the building shall be a minimum of six feet six inches above the sidewalk when awning is in use.
- (d)—Awnings or covers over porches or other than herein described, shall be treated as a part of the structure to which attached and shall comply with all requirements of the Building and Zoning Ordinances.
- (e)—With the permission of the City Manager, fixed coverings of flat construction, known as marquees may be constructed over a sidewalk as a protection to the entrance of buildings, provided such marquees are constructed of metal frame work (when the frame work contains glass, the glass shall be wired glass not less than three-eighths ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ) inches thick) and supported entirely from the structure of the building and without posts or other obstructions upon the sidewalk. In no case shall such marquee project further than within six (6) inches of the outer face of the curb and shall not be less than 8 feet 6 inches above the sidewalk. Rain water from such marquee shall not be allowed to drain on the sidewalk.
- (f)—Where buildings are erected behind the building line or the side of same upon which awnings are to be erected face on other than a sidewalk, street or alley, awnings with fixed metal posts and frames may be erected, provided same do not project beyond the inner sidewalk line and erection of the same is specifically approved by the City Manager.
- (g)—Should the City Manager deem the condition of any awning to be such that it constitutes a danger to the public, he may order the same repaired or removed after (5) days notice to the owner thereof. Failure on the part of such owner to promptly comply with such order after notice shall constitute a violation of this chapter and punished as provided herein.

2 That this ordinance shall be published in the Alexandria Gazette not later than two (2) days following its introduction along with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication of said ordinance, the date of the public hearing; and the date of second reading and final passage in the minutes. This ordinance shall become effective the day of its final passage.

**FRANKLIN P. BACKUS,  
MAYOR**

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