

Ordinance No. 792

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 28-4, Article I, of Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole June 23, 1953, and made effective August 1, 1953 which said Section 28-4 relates to CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OPENING OR DEDICATING STREETS AND ALLEYS OR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS OR DRAINS IN FUTURE SUBDIVISIONS, which said Article I relates to STREETS AND SIDEWALKS GENERALLY, and which said Chapter 28 relates to STREETS AND SIDEWALKS,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Sec. 28-4, Article I, of Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole June 23, 1953, and made effective August 1, 1953, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 28-4. Conditions precedent to opening or dedicating streets and alleys or constructing sewers or drains in future subdivisions.

No owner or proprietor or his agent, employee or contractor, of any parcel or tract of land situated in whole or in part within the corporate limits of the city, who may hereafter subdivide, resubdivide, or divide same for the purpose of laying out any additions or subdivisions, resubdivisions or suburban lots, shall open or dedicate any streets, avenues, lanes, alleys or public ways or construct, build or establish sewers or drains in said streets, avenues, lanes, alleys or public ways, or tap any existing sewers or lay a sewer in or across any street, avenue, alley or public way in the city for the purpose of sewerage or draining the tract of land so subdivided, and no such street, avenue, lane, alley or public way shall be accepted by the city, until the said following conditions have been complied with:

(1) When scale, maps or plats showing the plan and profile of any street, avenue, lane, alley, public way, sewers and drains, sidewalks and parking, giving grades and gradients, with the front and depth of the lots adjoining have been presented to and approved by the City Engineer and City Planning Commission.

(2) Said streets and avenues must be at least 50 feet in width between property lines and 30 feet in width between curb lines; said alleys at least 10 feet in width; grades and gradients to be established by the approval of the City Engineer, said streets and avenues to be constructed with soil cement base and asphalt top in residential zones and concrete six inches thick in commercial and industrial zones, and said alleys to be constructed with concrete 6 inches thick to a 10-foot width in residential zones and to the full width thereof in commercial and industrial zones, provided that such streets, avenues, and alleys may be constructed with other material not inferior, in the opinion of the Director

of Public Works, to the material specifications herein set forth, such specifications prescribing minimum construction requirements only.

(3) Sewers with catch basin at street intersections must be constructed in accordance with grades, sizes and character approved by the City Engineer.

(4) The sidewalks must have been graded and concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter constructed, laid and established, or other material not inferior to concrete laid and constructed under the supervision of the City Engineer or his representative on 100% of that portion of the street to be accepted.

Section 2. That in the opinion of Council an emergency exists and this ordinance is hereby declared "AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE" for the reason that because of the impending adjournment of the City Council, the more flexible construction specifications contained in this ordinance, which would facilitate the orderly development of new subdivisions, will not become effective until sometime in September unless passed as an emergency ordinance.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five days following its introduction, together 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, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

MARSHALL J. BEVERLEY
Mayor

Final Passage: July 8, 1953