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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of 124 South West Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for an underground utility vault at 124 South West Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Summary

The proposed ordinance permits the owner of the office building at 124 South West Street to construct a utility vault beneath the adjacent sidewalk on South West Street. The cover of the vault must be brick or other similar material to match the sidewalk paving.

Sponsor

Staff

Eileen P. Fogarty, Director, Planning & Zoning
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 2.04(e), Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of 124 South West Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for an underground utility vault at 124 South West Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

WHEREAS, Riverport Land Company and/or Meushaw Development Company (“Owner”) are the Owner of the property located at 124 South West Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Owner desires to establish and maintain an underground utility vault which will encroach into the public sidewalk right-of-way at 124 South West Street; and

WHEREAS, the public sidewalk right-of-way at that point on at 124 South West Street will not be significantly impaired by this encroachment; and

WHEREAS, this encroachment has been approved by the Planning Commission of the City of Alexandria at one of its regular meetings subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Council of the City of Alexandria that this encroachment is not detrimental to the public interest; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Owner be, and the same hereby is, authorized to establish and maintain an encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way at 124 South West Street, in the City of Alexandria, said encroachment consisting of an underground utility vault, as generally shown on the plat attached hereto, the specific location and other features to be approved by the Director of Planning and Zoning and Director of Transportation and Environmental Services, until the encroachment is removed or destroyed or the authorization to maintain it is terminated by the city; provided, that this authorization to establish and maintain the encroachment shall not be construed to relieve Owner of liability for any negligence on his part on account of or in connection with the encroachment and shall be subject to the provisions set forth below.

Section 2. That the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain said encroachment shall be subject to and conditioned upon Owner maintaining, at all times and at his own expense, liability insurance, covering both bodily injury and property damage, with a company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia and with minimum limits as follows:

Bodily Injury:	\$1,000,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage:	\$1,000,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate

This liability insurance policy shall identify the City of Alexandria and Owner as named insureds and shall provide for the indemnification of the City of Alexandria and Owner against any and all loss occasioned by the establishment, construction, placement, existence, use or maintenance of the encroachment. Evidence of the policy and any renewal thereof shall be filed with the city attorney's office. Any other provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event this policy of insurance lapses, is canceled, is not renewed or otherwise ceases to be in force and effect, the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall, at the option of the city, forthwith and without notice or demand by the city, terminate. In that event, Owner shall, upon notice from the city, remove the encroachment from the public right-of-way, or the city, at its option, may remove the encroachment at the expense and risk of Owner. Nothing in this section shall relieve Owner of his obligations and undertakings required under this ordinance.

Section 3. That the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain said encroachment shall in addition be subject to and conditioned upon the following terms:

- (a) Neither the City of Alexandria nor any public utility company shall be responsible for damage to Owner's property encroaching into the public right-of-way during repair, maintenance or replacement of the public right-of-way or any public facilities or utilities in the area of encroachment.
- (b) A minimum pedestrian pathway of five feet shall be maintained, including where there are sidewalk features, such as light posts and trees.
- (c) Owner shall amend the approved development plan to show the proposed utility vault.
- (e) The cover of the vault shall be flush with the sidewalk and shall be brick or comparable material to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Zoning and Director of Transportation and Environmental Services.

Section 4. That by accepting the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain the encroachment and by so establishing and/or maintaining the encroachment, Owner shall be deemed to have promised and agreed to save harmless the City of Alexandria from any and all liability (including attorneys' fees and litigation expenses) arising by reason of the establishment, construction, placement, existence, use or maintenance of the encroachment.

Section 5. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be subject to Owner's maintaining the area of the encroachment at all times unobstructed and free from accumulation of litter, snow, ice and other potentially dangerous matter.

Section 6. That nothing in this ordinance is intended to constitute, or shall be deemed to be, a waiver of sovereign immunity by or on behalf of the City of Alexandria or any of its officers or employees.

Section 7. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be terminated whenever the City of Alexandria desires to use the affected public right-of-way for any purpose whatsoever and, by written notification, demands from Owner the removal of the encroachment. Said removal shall be completed by the date specified in the notice and shall be accomplished by Owner without cost to the city. If Owner cannot be found, or shall fail or neglect to remove the encroachment within the time specified, the city shall have the right to remove the encroachment, at the expense of Owner, and shall not be liable to Owner for any loss or damage to the structure of the encroachment or personal property within the encroachment area, caused by the removal.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

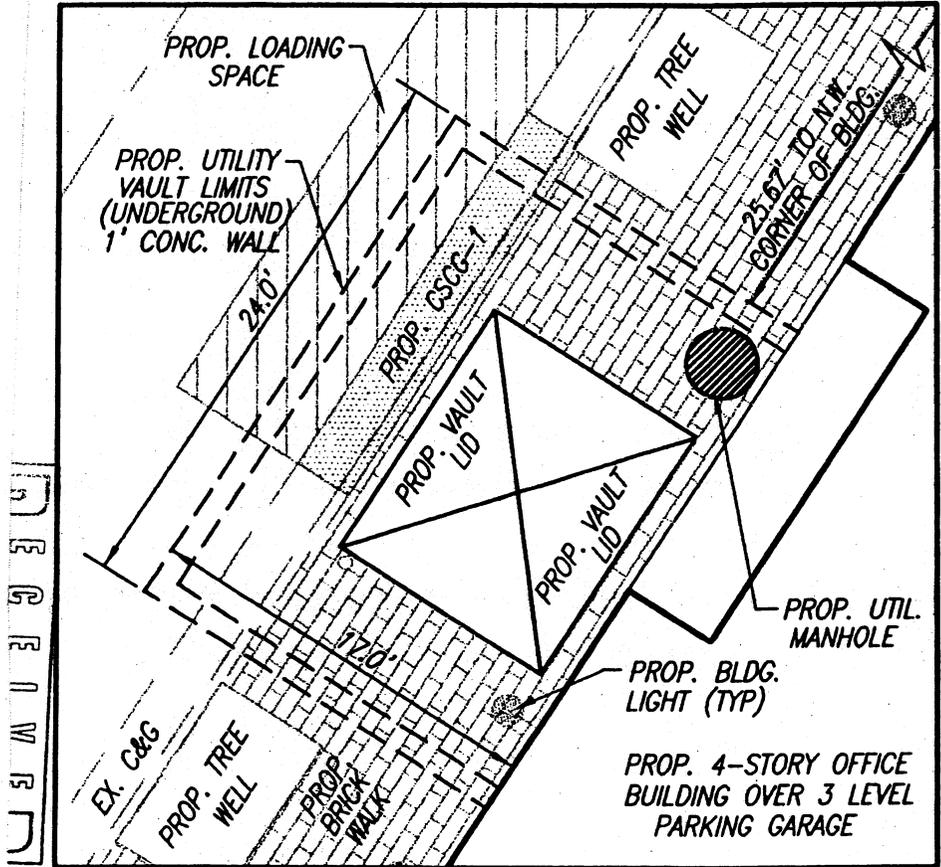
WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Attachment: Encroachment plat

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UTILITY VAULT ENCROACHMENT DETAIL:

SCALE: 1"=10'



ENCROACHMENT

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