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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-100 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), of Article IX (SIGNS, MARQUEES AND AWNINGS), by adding thereto a new Section 9-108 (POLITICAL SIGNS), and to repeal Section 9-210(A)(10) (POLITICAL SIGNS), all of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance (TA No. 2004-0004).

Summary

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2004-0004, to implement minor changes to the City's political sign regulations.

Sponsor

Staff

Eileen Fogarty, Director of planning and Zoning
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 9.09, Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

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

None

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 9-100 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new Section 9-108 to read as follows:

[The following is all new language.]

9-108 *Political signs.* Political signs are permitted in the following locations, and for the following periods of time, subject to the following limitations:

- (A) *Private property.* Political signs may be posted on private property with the permission of the property owner or lawful occupant of the property. Such signs shall not exceed the size of the largest sign permitted on such property pursuant to Section 9-200.
- (B) *Public right-of-way.* Political signs may be posted within the public right-of-way subject to the following rules:
 - 1. Such signs may be posted in the grass portion of the public right-of-way, adjacent to a street, road, highway, alley or sidewalk.
 - 2. No such sign may be posted in any public garden or landscaped area.
 - 3. No such sign may be placed within the public right-of-way of Washington Street, or the George Washington Memorial Parkway.
 - 4. No such sign shall be placed within 15 feet of any point at which the curb or curb line of any two intersecting streets meet, within 15 feet of the end of any street median, or within any traffic channelization island.
 - 5. Any political sign erected or displayed within the public right-of-way shall be free standing, shall have no part of the sign or support thereof extending more than 42 inches above ground level, and shall be supported by no more than two supports, each support having dimensions of no more than one inch by two inches.
 - 6. Prior to the display of any political sign within the public right-of-way, a cash bond in the amount of \$100 shall be deposited with the city manager. The bond will be refunded unless there has been a violation of the

provisions of this article, in which case the City shall retain the entire amount of the bond to defray the cost of enforcing the provisions of this article.

7. No political sign shall be erected or displayed within the public right-of-way more than 90 days prior to the nomination or election to which it pertains. Signs, including sign posts or stakes, shall be removed within 15 days after the announced results of the nomination, or primary, special or general election to which the sign pertains. Successful candidates in nominations or primary elections may continue to display their signs during the interval between the nomination or primary, and the ensuing special or general election, and without posting any additional bond, except where the interval exceeds 90 days.

Section 2. That Section 9-201(A)(10) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

Section 3. That Section 9-100 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

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