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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-606 (BULK REGULATIONS), under Section 4-600 (CD-X/COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN ZONE – OLD TOWN NORTH), of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance (TA No. 2004-0007).

Summary

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2004-0007, to increase the residential floor area ratio in the CD-X Zone from 1.25 to 2.0, with a special use permit and in compliance with minimum design standards.

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 4-606 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

**4-606 Bulk regulations.**

(A) Yards and open space.

(1) Nonresidential. For nonresidential uses, there are no yard or open space requirements except as may be applicable pursuant to the supplemental yard and setback regulations of section 7-1000 and the zone transition requirements of section 7-900.

(2) Residential. For residential uses the following yard and open space requirements apply:

(a) Yards. Each single-family and two-family dwelling shall provide a front yard of 20 feet; a rear yard based on a 1:1 setback ratio and a minimum of eight feet; and side yards based on a 1:3 setback ratio and a minimum of eight feet. Each townhouse dwelling shall provide a rear yard based on a 1:2 setback ratio and a minimum of 16 feet, and each interior end unit townhouse shall provide a side yard based on a 1:3 setback ratio and a minimum of eight feet. Each multifamily dwelling shall comply with these townhouse yard requirements except that side yards shall be based on a setback ratio of 1:2 and a minimum of 16 feet.

(b) Open space. Multifamily residential development shall provide 25 percent and single-family and two-family residential development shall provide 40 percent of the area of the lot as open and usable space, the location and shape of which shall be subject to the director's determination that it is functional and usable space for residents, visitors and other persons. Such open space may be located on landscaped roofs or other areas fully open to the sky which are not at ground level if the director determines that such space functions as open space for residents to the same extent that ground level open space would.

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3 (3) Mixed use. When a development includes both residential and  
4 nonresidential uses, the residential yard and open space regulations shall be  
5 applicable to the residential component of the development.  
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7 (B) Floor area ratio.  
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9 (1) Nonresidential. The maximum permitted floor area ratio for nonresidential  
10 uses is 1.5, except that (1) the floor area ratio may be increased to an  
11 amount not to exceed 2.5 with a special use permit and (2) in the case of a  
12 lot or parcel developed under common ownership or control, which is  
13 12,000 square feet or less in area and located in a retail focus area, the floor  
14 area ratio may be increased to 2.5 without a special use permit if  
15 underground parking is provided consistent with section 6-504.  
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17 (2) Residential. The maximum permitted floor area ratio for residential uses is  
18 1.25, not to exceed 35 units per acre except that for properties within the  
19 area bounded by First, Third, North Royal and North Fairfax Streets the  
20 floor area ratio may be increased to 2.0, not to exceed the number of  
21 dwelling units per acre may be increased to 100 units per acre with a special  
22 use permit subject to the following standards:  
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24 (a) A minimum of 5% affordable housing shall be provided, or the  
25 proposal shall meet the requirements of the city wide affordable housing  
26 policy in effect at the time the application is submitted, whichever  
27 requirement is greater. The location of the affordable housing (on or off  
28 site) shall be determined by the city.  
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30 (b) No parking reductions for residential and office commercial uses shall  
31 be granted, and all such parking shall be located below grade.  
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33 (c) All overhead utilities (existing and proposed) on all public street  
34 frontages shall be located underground.  
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36 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (C) of this section 4-606,  
37 the maximum height shall not exceed 50 feet, with portions of the buildings  
38 and/or townhouses providing significant variation in building heights less  
39 than 50 feet.  
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41 (e) All units shall orient their facades with main entries toward a public  
42 street, and mews units are discouraged.

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3 (f) The buildings or townhouses shall be consistent with traditional  
4 architectural style, scale and treatment. Exterior materials shall be limited  
5 to masonry (brick, stone or precast), wood and comparable high quality  
6 materials.  
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8 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A)(2)(b) of this  
9 section 4-606, a minimum of 25% ground level open and usable space shall  
10 be provided. Such space shall be visually and physically accessible from a  
11 public street. A portion of such space shall be subject to a public access and  
12 use easement. Public art and/or sculpture shall be provided within such  
13 space.  
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15 (h) Pedestrian and streetscape improvements shall be provided, including  
16 but not limited to the provision of continuous brick sidewalks, street trees  
17 and public connections to the waterfront or existing parkland, to the extent  
18 possible.  
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20 (i) Green and sustainable building technologies shall be incorporated as  
21 part of the building and building systems.  
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23 (j) The development shall comply with the Old Town North Urban Design  
24 Guidelines.  
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26 (k) The retail requirement within a retail focus area shall be a minimum of  
27 10% of the area of each lot in the retail focus area, and subject to the  
28 provisions of section 6-500 of this ordinance.  
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30 (C) Height. The maximum permitted height of a building is that height indicated in the  
31 Old Town North Small Area Plan.  
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33 Section 2. That Section 4-606 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, as  
34 amended by this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of  
35 Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.  
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37 Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time  
38 of its final passage, and shall apply to all applications for land use or land development approval  
39 provided for under the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance which are filed on and after  
40 December 18, 2004, and are pending on and after the effective date before any city department,  
41 agency or board, or before city council, or on judicial review, and shall apply to all other facts

1 and circumstances subject to the provisions of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, except  
2 as may be provided in Article XII of said Ordinance.  
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6 Mayor  
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