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Current Dumpster at 211 N. West Street





Note: 1 parking spot is being affected by dumpster location Current Dumpster Location at 211 N. West Street



Proposed Dumpster Location- Front View Note: picture taken from front corner of 215 N. West Street



August 17, 2009

City of Alexandria:

As follow-up to our meetings and phone conversations with Mr. Peter Leiberg, Mr. Lee Webb and Mr. Rich Baier, this letter is to inform the City of Alexandria, Virginia that we, the adjoining neighbors on the north side of 211 N. West Street, find the newly proposed dumpster location at 211 N. West Street both unacceptable and offensive.

Per Code for the City of Alexandria, Title 5, Chapter 1, Article C, Section 5-1-42, (a) and (b), the point of collection for dumpsters collected by private collectors must be a place approved by the director of Transportation and Environmental Services, and the director will only approve places that affect or offend nearby residents as little as possible. We have made it apparent through our numerous conversations with City officials that the newly proposed dumpster location at 211 N. West Street will significantly affect and offend us. Our properties will be affected by the rodents that dumpsters attract and the odor that they omit. The sight of the 5 foot tall dumpster being located between three residential properties will offend us.

It is our request as residents of the City of Alexandria that our concerns are heard and the property owner's application to locate the dumpster on the recently poured cement pad at 211 N. West Street be denied. The dumpster's current location has been suitable for the past few decades, with less impact on parking than the proposed location, so we see no logical reason to move it to a location where the community will be negatively affected and offended.

The property owner had to get five land variances to build the apartment building in 1964. Now he is trying to take further advantage of the city by encroaching on the small amount of the property's existing open space. With today's building code, the property owner would not be able to build the existing apartment building.

We strongly urge the City officials who will make the final decision regarding this matter to visit the site and see how illogical the newly proposed dumpster location is. A precedent needs to be made in the City of Alexandria that it is not acceptable to locate permanent trash receptacles in locations that will negatively affect so many city residents when more suitable locations are available.

Thank you,

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Mrs. Wanda Carter Property Owner 219 N. West Street 571-276-3528 CODE City of ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Codified through Ordinance No. 4610, enacted June 23, 2009. (Supplement No. 90)

Sec. 5-1-42 Collection by private collectors.

- (a) Points of collection for approved waste containers and plastic liners for premises not served by city. The point of collection shall be as agreed upon between the owner and a private collector duly licensed pursuant to article E of this chapter; provided, that such point shall not be on a public right-of-way and shall not hinder or interfere with parking, traffic or pedestrians.
- (b) Points of collection for approved bulk waste containers. The point of collection shall be at a place that has been approved by the director. The director shall only approve places that affect or offend the occupants, the general public and nearby residents as little as reasonably possible under the circumstances. The director may require surfacing of the point of collection as a prerequisite for approval. It shall be the duty of the owner or operator of an establishment using an approved bulk waste container to secure the approval of the director for the point of collection.
- (c) *Time of collection*. Solid waste shall be collected from all premises not serviced by the city at least once each week. No collections may be made between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (6:00 a.m. from May 1, through September 30) if the collection area is less than 500 feet from a residential area.
- (d) Persons other than licensed collectors not to remove solid waste from containers. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a private collector duly licensed pursuant to article E of this chapter, when collection is made by a private collector, to remove solid waste, ashes, recyclable material, special collection items or yard debris from any point of collection; except that nothing shall prohibit any person from removing his own solid waste, recyclable material, ashes, yard debris or special collection items. (Code 1963, Sec. 32A-14; Ord. No. 2983, 11/17/84, Sec. 1)