

ORDINANCE NO. 747
2ND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 10 FOR THE PURPOSES OF
CREATING A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OVERLAY DISTRICT

The City Council of the City of Alexandria does **ORDAIN**:

SECTION I. That Section 10.04 Subd. 1.D of the Alexandria City Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following: "7. CBD, Central Business District".

SECTION II. That Section 10 of the Alexandria City Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

Section 10.12.1. **"CBD" Central Business District**

Subd 1. **Purpose** The purpose of the "CBD" district (defined herein as being bounded as follows: Commencing at the midpoint of the intersection of Seventh Avenue and Fillmore Street, thence west to a point directly south of the east line of the alleyway in Block 52 "Original Alexandria", thence north to the south line of the Central Lakes Trail, thence east/southeast along the said south line to a point due north of the midpoint of Block 83 "Original Alexandria", thence south to the midpoint of Eighth Avenue, thence west to the midpoint of Fillmore Street, thence north to the point of beginning) is to promote the health, safety, general welfare, aesthetics, and image of the community by:

- A. Providing for downtown business development supporting a strong central business district while enhancing the overall character of the community in conformance with downtown redevelopment plans, goals and objectives;
- B. Regulating temporary outdoor events, seasonal and sidewalk sales activities; and,
- C. Providing for those temporary outdoor events, seasonal and sidewalk sales activities which are distinguished from permanent outside business activities that are allowed only by conditional use permit or interim use permit approved by the city council.

Subd. 2. **Permitted uses.** The following uses are permitted in the "CBD" district:

- A. All permitted uses allowed in the "B-1" zoning district.

Subd. 3. **Accessory uses.** The following are permitted accessory uses in a "CBD" district:

- A. All accessory uses allowed in the B-1 zoning district.
- B. Sandwich Board Signs not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area (both sides combined) are allowed on the public sidewalk, without a sign permit, providing that:

1. Such signs are limited to one (1) per business frontage.
 2. Are adjacent to and within 15' of the business for which the sign is advertising.
 3. Are not dynamic displays as regulated by Section 10.24 of the City Code.
 4. Do not (in the opinion of the Community Development Director or successor) constitute a traffic, pedestrian, or other safety hazard.
- C. Temporary outdoor sales events as follows: Temporary outdoor sales events, not exceeding four (4) days in length, and including the presentation of general merchandise defined as including but not limited to racks, boxes, trays, tables, and other general merchandise displayed and for sale, and including exterior point of sale locations are allowed subject to issuance of a special event permit and the requirements of this section.
- D. Outside display, defined as visually attractive display that enhances the storefront and sidewalk area and which may include, as part of the overall display, some limited items of merchandise but not a display case, table, tray, or rack containing only merchandise are allowed on the public sidewalk during normal business hours provided that an accessible route is maintained.
- E. Bistro tables and chairs for seating as many as four (4) persons are allowed on the public sidewalk provided that an accessible route is maintained/
- F. Flowerpots and/or planters near storefront doors and benches are allowed on the public sidewalk provided that an accessible route is maintained.
- G. The serving of food and alcohol is allowed on the public sidewalk subject to the provisions of Section 4.45 (Sidewalk Café) and the provisions of Chapter 3 (Beer and Liquor Licensing and Regulation) of the City Code.

Subd. 4. **Conditional uses.** The following are conditional uses in a "CBD" district:

- A. All conditional uses allowed in the "B-1" District.

Subd. 5. **Performance Standards**

- A. The community development director or successor may require a copy of an approved site plan, drawn to scale, for the property or an "as-built" survey, which accurately represents existing conditions on the site, including entrances and exits, and bona fide parking and driving areas, and which accurately indicates any proposed temporary structures, including tents, stands, and signs;
- B. Temporary outdoor event, seasonal or sidewalk sales activity shall be clearly accessory to or promotive of the permitted or conditional use approved for the site. Only merchandise which is normally sold or stocked by the occupant(s) on the subject premises shall be sold and/or promoted; provided, that seasonal merchandise and produce may be allowed (retail only where retail is permitted).

C. Outside display as regulated in Subd.3.D of this Section is limited to 25% of the business frontage, up to a maximum of twenty (20) feet, but providing that all frontages are allowed at least ten (10) feet, regardless of the dimension of the frontage.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria this 9th day of May, 2016, by the following vote:

YES: Batesole, Kuhlman, Osterberg, Benson, Jensen

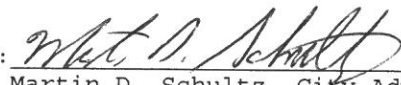
NO: None

ABSENT: None



- Sara Carlson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Martin D. Schultz, City Administrator