

**ORDINANCE NO. 586**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTERS 10 AND 11, RELATING TO  
DEFINITIONS, PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES, AND ESTABLISHING  
CONFORMITY WITH STATE STATUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 10 of the Alexandria City Code establishes definitions of terms and lists the permitted and conditional uses in various zoning districts located within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 11 of the Alexandria City Code establishes definitions of terms and conditions for subdividing property located within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, it is periodically necessary to update such definitions, lists of uses and conditions due to changes in planning, zoning and subdivision technology and practice, as well as legislatively initiated changes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by the addition of #158.1, which shall read as follows: **Open Space.** An area of land or water set aside, or reserved for use by residents of the development. An expanse of lawn, trees, plants, and other natural areas. Any landscaped area of the site including: required yards, setbacks and walkways. Open space does not include parking, driveways, or buildings used for dwelling purposes.

**SECTION II:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by the addition of #1.1, which shall read as follows: **Active Recreation.** Activities of a formal nature and often performed with others, requiring equipment and taking place at prescribed places and sites.

**SECTION III:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by the addition of #183.1, which shall read as follows: **Recreation Space.** A centrally located place designed and equipped for the conduct of sports, informal recreation and/or leisure time activities. It provides areas for aerobic exercises, game courts, swimming, etc. The number and type of spaces should be chosen to anticipate tenant mix. Both active and passive recreation activities can be considered recreation space.

**SECTION IV:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by the addition of #164.1, which shall read as follows: **Passive Recreation.** Activities that involve inactive or less energetic activities, such as walking, sitting and picnicking, etc. These activities have less potential impact on surrounding land uses.

**SECTION V:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by the addition of #66.1, which shall read as follows: **Domestic Partnership:** A domestic partnership is a legal or personal relationship between individuals who live together and share a common domestic life but are not joined in a traditional marriage, a common law marriage, or a civil union.

**SECTION VI:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by deleting #217 and replacing it with the following: **Townhomes/Townhouses:** Structures housing one (1) or more dwelling units of not more than two (2) stories each and either detached or contiguous to each other only by sharing of one (1) common wall, such structures to be of the town or row house type as contrasted to multiple dwelling structures. No single contiguously connected structure shall contain in excess of eight (8) dwelling units and each dwelling unit shall have separate and individual front and rear entrances, separate utilities and property description/parcel identification.

**SECTION VII:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by deleting #35 and replacing it with the following: **Buildable Area.** The portion of a lot

remaining after wetlands, bluffs, land below ordinary high water level and required setback areas have been eliminated.

**SECTION VIII:** That City Code Section 10.02, **Definitions** is hereby amended by deleting #84 and replacing it with the following: **Family.** An individual or two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership or adoption, including foster children and domestic staff employed on a full-time basis, living together as a permanent household. This definition of family is established for the purpose of preserving the character of residential neighborhoods by controlling population density, noise, disturbance and traffic congestion, and shall not be applied so as to prevent the City from making reasonable accommodation where the City determines it necessary to afford handicapped persons living together in a permanent household equal access to housing pursuant to the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

**SECTION IX:** That City Code Section 10.11, Subdivision 2 is hereby amended by deleting RR and replacing it with the following: Kennels. Where there is no outdoor exercise or other outdoor activity area provided.

**SECTION X:** That City Code Section 10.11, Subdivision 4 is hereby amended by the addition of the following: O. Kennels. Where there is to be an outdoor exercise or other outdoor activity area provided.

**SECTION XII:** That City Code Section 11.02, Subdivision 2, **Definitions** is hereby amended by the addition of C.1, which shall read as follows: **Buildable Land.** The portion of a lot remaining after wetlands, bluffs and land below ordinary high water level have been eliminated.

**SECTION XIII:** That City Code Section 11.06, Subdivision 3 shall be amended by deleting the words “gross area” and replacing them with the words “buildable land”.

**SECTION XIV:** That City Code Section 11.06, Subdivision 4 shall be amended by deleting the words “gross platted area” and replacing them with the words “buildable land”.

**SECTION XI:** 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006, by the following vote:

YES: KALPIN, CARLSON, WEISEL, BENSON, FRANK

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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/S/ H. Dan Ness, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
/S/ James P. Taddei, City Administrator