ORDINANCE NO. 880 2ND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.53 OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY CODE RELATING TO FLAGS

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

SECTION I. That Section 9.53 of the Alexandria City Code be amended as follows:

Section 9.53. Flags.

Subd. 1. **Definition.** The term "flag" shall mean anything which is or purports to be the Stars and Stripes, the United States flag or shield, the United States coat of arms, the Minnesota State flag, or a copy, picture or a representation of any of them.

Subd. 2. Acts Prohibited. No person should:

- A. Intentionally and publicly mutilate, defile, or cast contempt upon the flag; or,
- B. Place on or attach to the flag any work, mark, design or advertisement not properly a part of such flag or expose to public view the flag so altered; or,
- C. Manufacture or expose to public view an article of merchandise or a wrapper or receptacle from merchandise upon which the flag is depicted; or,
 - D. Use the flag for commercial advertising purposes.
- Subd. 3. **Exception.** This Section shall not apply to flags depicted on written or printed documents or periodicals or on stationery, ornaments, pictures or jewelry, provided there are not unauthorized words or designs on such flag and provided the flag is not connected with any advertisement.
- Subd. 4. **Violation not a Crime.** Alexandria City Code § 1.03 shall not apply to a violation of this § 9.53.

SECTION II. 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 28th day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

YES:

FRANZEN, THALMAN, ALLEN, BENSON, WIENER

NO:

NONE

ABSENT:

NONE

Bill Franzen, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST

Martin D. Schultz, City Administrator