

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 20.56 OF THE ARLINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REGULATIONS UNDER CITY PLANNING NO. PLN 1294

WHEREAS, the city has proposed an update to the Street and Sidewalks regulations to the City zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Planning Commission considered the revisions on June 3, 2025 and at a public hearing conducted on June 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission made findings and provided its recommendations to the City Council concerning the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the same at a workshop held on July 14, 2025, a meeting on July 21, 2025, and considered them along with the Planning Commission recommendations; and the City Council having determined approving said amendment was in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, the amendments were presented to the Department of Commerce for comment and said Department had no comments on the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed amendment to the municipal code and finds it to be consistent with city and state law and in the best interests of the citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Arlington does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Arlington Municipal Code section 20.56.060 shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

20.56.060 Neighborhood Access and Coordination with Surrounding Streets.

- (a) All developments which shall create or cause to exist more than 49 dwelling units or more (new or a combination of new and existing) or non-residential developments that may attract 150 or more people (including employees and customers) at any one time (new or a combination of new and existing) shall have more than one point of access to the surrounding public street. An applicant may request in writing a waiver of this code requirement. The City, in its sole discretion, may waive this requirement when, in the opinion of the **Fire Chief Code Official** or his or her designee, adverse life and safety issues are adequately addressed by the proposed development. For the purposes of this section, an emergency access (crash gate) shall not be considered a vehicular access point, and a boulevard shall be considered one access point.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. The title of this ordinance which summarizes the contents shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Arlington and APPROVED by the Mayor this 21st day of July, 2025.

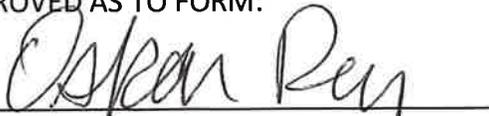
CITY OF ARLINGTON


Don E. Vanney, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wendy Van Der Meersche, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Oskar E. Rey, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

I, Wendy Van Der Meersche, being the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Arlington, Washington, a municipal corporation, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance No. 2025-013 was approved at the July 21, 2025 City Council meeting.

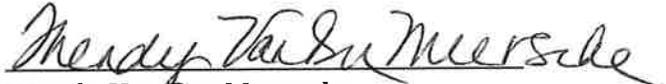
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A true and correct copy of the original ordinance is attached.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2025




Wendy Van Der Meersche
City Clerk for the City of Arlington