



North Ridge Citizens' Association (NRCA) Position Statement on Zoning for Housing September 2023

We, the residents of North Ridge:

- * Understand the need for affordable housing as a means for ensuring Alexandria remains a vibrant, diverse, desirable, and livable community;
- * Support the development of affordable housing in Alexandria, where appropriate, with corresponding investments in infrastructure, schools, and public services.

At the same time, we, the residents of North Ridge also:

- * Know that Alexandria alone cannot solve our region's affordable housing issues;
- * Appreciate the character of our City's many neighborhoods and support policies that allow each neighborhood's unique traits to thrive;
- * Believe that increasing density can adversely affect quality of life in neighborhoods such as North Ridge;
- * Believe that any changes to Alexandria's zoning rules must be consistent with the achievement of the City's environmental goals, including the goal of establishing 40% tree canopy by 2035, and respect the long-held expectations of residents and their neighborhoods;
- * View zoning and housing as central elements of the future vision for our City;
- * Recognize the important, historical role civic associations play in speaking for our neighborhoods, particularly on matters of zoning and housing; and
- * Value open, transparent, inclusive public engagement practices that welcome public input whenever the City is considering changes to current zoning and housing policies, including allowing an appropriate amount of time and opportunity for citizen awareness, participation, and contribution, as required by Resolution 2597 in the City of Alexandria Handbook for Civic Engagement (2015).

In laying out these priorities, it is our hope that the City of Alexandria- including City Council and City Staff- will listen to, value, and work with the North Ridge Citizens' Association and our fellow civic associations when it comes to zoning and housing issues across Alexandria.