

2019 Arlington Town Meeting

Article 17 Amendment

I, Christian Klein, hereby propose the following amendment to the recommended vote of the Arlington Redevelopment Board under Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting:

VOTED: In the proposed sections 6.2.2.C (1) and 6.2.2.C (2), replace the words “the Board of Appeals or Arlington Redevelopment Board, as applicable” with the words “the Arlington Redevelopment Board” so the amended sections will read:

- (1) A sign special permit may be granted by the Arlington Redevelopment Board to allow more than the number of signs allowed under this Section 6.2, or signs of a greater size or in a location other than that specified in this Section 6.2 provided the architecture of the building, the location of the building relative to the street, or the nature of the use being made of the building is such that an additional sign or signs of a larger size should be allowed in the public interest. In no case shall any sign allowed exceed a maximum sign area of four feet times the length of the building frontage.
- (2) An application for a sign special permit shall comply with the submission requirements and procedures in Section 3.3 and Section 3.4 and the rules and regulations of the Arlington Redevelopment Board.

COMMENTARY: Special permits are granted by two separate boards in Arlington, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Arlington Redevelopment Board (ARB). Generally, the ARB has jurisdiction along the main thoroughfares and the ZBA has jurisdiction elsewhere. This separation of jurisdiction currently extends to signs as well. However, the Town would be better served if one board held jurisdiction over all sign special permits, ensuring that this specific section of the bylaw will be applied consistently. After discussion at the April 23, 2019 ZBA meeting, it was agreed by that board to propose an amendment under this article to consolidate sign special permit granting authority to the ARB. In the case of an appeal to a decision of the Building Inspector, the ZBA will retain its jurisdiction.

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