



Special Use Permit 2026-00038
4633 Taney Avenue
Digital Sign

Administrative Special Use Permit (SUP) – New Use

SUP Holder:	Alexandria City Public Schools
SUP Request:	Digital sign per Section 9-202(B)(C)
Approved for:	Digital sign at Patrick Henry School per application
Applicable Zoning Ordinance Provisions:	The request has been reviewed under the administrative SUP procedures of the Zoning Ordinance including Article IX (Signs) and Sec. 11-513(C) and (W).
Zone:	R-12
Small Area Plan:	Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill
Staff Findings:	• The changing digital display provides the school with the flexibility to provide daily updates and announcements to the community and visitors of the school. • The proposed sign will be installed within the existing 32-square foot, 4-foot-tall monument sign along Taney Avenue. • The digital display will measure 31 inches by 65 inches, approximately 14 square feet. • The proposed sign complies with the monument sign regulations per Section 9-200(B). • The sign shall comply with the illumination limitations per Section 9-204(A).
Key Conditions:	The following key conditions are included to minimize impacts on drivers and adjacent residences. ▪ The sign shall not change more than twice per minute. ▪ The sign requires a photocell dimmer. ▪ The sign shall not be illuminated between 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.
Community Outreach:	Public notice provided through eNews, the City website, site posting, and email notification to the Seminary Hill Civic Association.
Staff Reviewer:	Rachel Drescher, (703) 746-3857, rachel.drescher@alexandriava.gov , Land Use + Preservation Division, Department of Planning & Zoning

Conditions of Special Use Permit 2026-00038

The SUP holder is responsible for ensuring that the following conditions are adhered to at all times. Violation of any of the conditions may result in fines and/or referral to public hearing by the Planning Commission and City Council.

1. The SUP shall be granted to the applicant only or to any corporation in which the applicant has a controlling interest. (P&Z)
2. Text, graphics, and images shall not be animated, move, or flash. (P&Z)
3. The sign shall have an automatic photocell dimmer (P&Z)
4. The changing of text or graphics shall occur no more than two times per minute. (P&Z)
5. The sign shall not be illuminated between 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. (P&Z)
6. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the SUP one year after it has been operational with all conditions and may docket the matter for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council if there have been documented violations of the permit conditions which were not corrected immediately, constitute repeat violations or which create a direct and immediate adverse zoning impact on the surrounding community; or the director has determined that new or revised conditions are needed to offset land use impacts not addressed in the City Code. (P&Z)

Staff hereby **approve** the Special Use Permit 2026-00038 subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the conditions of this special use permit.



Tony LaColla, AICP
Land Use + Preservation Division Chief

September 4, 2026

Date

Statement of Consent

The undersigned hereby agrees and consents to the conditions of Special Use Permit 2026-00038 and agrees to obtain all applicable licenses and permits required for the use located at 4633 Taney Avenue.

E-SIGNED by Denocencia Wade
on 2026-09-08 16:14:02 GMT

Applicant/Special Use Permit Holder	Date
Alexandria City Public Schools	

City Department Findings and Requirements

- **Finding (F):** Staff analysis and conclusions regarding whether the application complies with the applicable requirements. Findings also provide additional information.
- **Requirement (R):** Identifies the applicable law, ordinance standard, policy, guideline, or approval criterion that governs the review of the application. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that requirements are adhered to or may be subject to citations/fines.

Key	Findings (F) and Requirements (R)
Code Administration	
R-1	A sign permit is required.
Transportation & Environmental Services	
N/A	No comments.
Health Department	
N/A	No comments.
Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Affairs	
N/A	No comments received.
Alexandria Police Department	
N/A	No comments received.
Alexandria Fire Department	
N/A	No comments or concerns.