

ARLINGTON COUNTY  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

January 15, 1986

TO: To Whom it may concern

FROM: V. Caffo, Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: Restrictions on types of tapes which can be sold or rented in a video store.

The zoning ordinance does not restrict or regulate video stores. It is determined that the closest comparable use listed in the zoning ordinance is a book store. A book store is first listed in the "C-1" District and would be permitted in lesser restricted districts which reference back to "C-1".

Section 31, Subsection A-10, regulates Adult Book Stores. Any establishment having at least 20% of its books, magazines, newspapers, photographs, or other similar articles sexually oriented, is an Adult Book Store. Adult Book Stores are required to have a use permit.

It is hereby determined that any establishment having more than 20% of its entire inventory of tapes in sexually oriented tapes is determined to be comparable to an Adult Book Store. Said establishment is subject to the provisions of Section 31, Subsection A-10, including the requirement for a use permit.

Persons wishing to operate Video Store with any amount of sexually oriented tapes should contact the Arlington County Vice Control Section of the Police Department to determine what is permitted and/or prohibited by criminal law.

*V. Caffo*