

Ordinance No. 1107

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the first paragraph of Section 17-80, Article III, Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, so that the annual license tax on wholesale merchants in the City is reduced from \$0.21 per \$100.00 of the gross receipts thereof in excess of \$11,904.00 to \$0.11 per \$100.00 of the gross receipts thereof in excess of \$22,727.00 which first paragraph relates to **ANNUAL LICENSE TAX RATES FOR WHOLESALE MERCHANTS**, which Section 17-80 relates to **WHOLESALE MERCHANTS**, which Article III relates to **NON-REGULATORY LICENSES** and which Chapter 17 relates to **LICENSE TAXES GENERALLY**.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the first paragraph of Section 17-80, Article III, Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Every person engaging in or conducting any one or more of the following businesses or occupations or who sells to other persons for resale only or who sells to institutional, commercial or industrial users shall pay for the privilege of conducting the same in the city an annual license tax of \$25.00 and \$0.11 per \$100.00 of the gross receipts thereof in excess of \$22,727.00 namely:

Section 2. That in the opinion of Council an emergency exists, and this ordinance is hereby declared **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE** because a recent study has disclosed that the license tax on wholesale merchants in Alexandria was considerably higher than that imposed by neighboring and other jurisdictions within the State, and some wholesale merchants have left Alexandria because of the high tax and others have indicated a reluctance to locate in the City; in addition, the continuance of such a high tax is contrary to the recently established policy of the City to attract commerce and any delay in its reduction would postpone relief until 1962.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of public hearing and the date of the second reading and final passage of this ordinance in the minutes of the meeting. This emergency ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

LEROY S. BENDHEIM

Mayor

Final Passage: January 24, 1961