

Ordinance No. 1424

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 22-91, Division 3, Article III of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Section 22-91 relates to APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, RESCUE VEHICLES OR AMBULANCES, which Division 3 relates to RULES OF THE ROAD, which Article III relates to OPERATION OF VEHICLES, and which Chapter 22 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-91, Division 3, Article III of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 22-91. Approach of authorized emergency vehicles, rescue vehicles or ambulances.

Upon the approach of any police vehicle, fire department vehicle, vehicle owned by a member of a volunteer fire company, rescue vehicle or ambulance, giving audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle, or air horn designed to give automatically intermittent signals, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer, until the police or fire department vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a member of a volunteer fire company, rescue vehicle or ambulance shall have passed. This provision shall not operate to relieve the driver of a police or fire department vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a member of a volunteer fire company, rescue vehicle or ambulance from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street, nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of such right of way.

As used in this section, the term "rescue vehicle" is defined as any vehicle designed or utilized for the principal purposes of supplying resuscitation or other emergency relief where human life is endangered.

Violation of this section shall constitute failure to yield the right of way.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

FRANK E. MANN
Mayor

Final Passage: Dec. 13, 1966