

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 22-91 of Division 3 of Article III of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 22 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, which Article III relates to OPERATION OF VEHICLES, which Division 3 relates to RULES OF THE ROAD, which Section 22-91 relates to APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, RESCUE VEHICLES OR AMBULANCES and now relates to APPROACH OF POLICE OR FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLES, RESCUE VEHICLES OR AMBULANCES: VIOLATION AS FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-91 of Division 3 of 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 \* police or fire-fighting vehicles, rescue vehicles or ambulances; violation as failure to yield right-of-way.

(1) Upon the approach of (a) any police vehicle \* operated by or under the direction of a police officer in the chase or apprehension of violators of the law or persons charged with or suspected of any such violation, (b) any vehicle used for the purpose of fighting fire, including publicly owned State forest warden vehicles not to exceed two hundred in number, when traveling in reponse to a fire alarm or emergency call, or (c) any vehicle owned by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth for rescue purposes when traveling in response to a fire alarm or an emergency call, or (d) any ambulance or rescue or lifesaving vehicle designed or utilized for the principal purposes of supplying resuscitation or emergency relief where human life is endangered, whether such vehicle is publicly owned or operated by a nonprofit corporation or association, when such vehicle is being used in the performance of public services, and when such vehicle is operated under emergency conditions, 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 \* such vehicle shall have passed. This provision shall not operate to relieve the driver of \* any such vehicle 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.

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(2) 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.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.  
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: OCTOBER 8, 1968

N.B. Underlining and asterisks are not part of the ordinance but merely denote new or changed matter or deletions.