

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 22-190, 22-193, 22-195 and subsection (b) of Section 22-199, all of Article VIII, 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 VIII relates to BRAKES, HORNS AND OTHER MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, which Section 22-190 relates to STEERING GEAR, which Section 22-193 relates to WARNING DEVICES--POLICE, FIRE AND AMBULANCE SIRENS, which Section 22-195 relates to MIRRORS, which Section 22-199 relates to WHEN SAFETY GLASS REQUIRED and which subsection (b) thereof relates to STANDARDS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-190 of Article VIII 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. 22-190. Steering gear.

Every motor vehicle being operated upon a street shall be equipped with steering gear adequate to insure the safe control of the vehicle which shall not show signs of weakness or breaking under ordinary conditions. The superintendent of the department of state police may adopt and promulgate standards of adequacy of steering gear, which shall be the current standard specifications of steering gear adopted by the United States Bureau of Standards or the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the regulations of the federal Department of Transportation for determining whether or not any motor vehicle operated upon any street conforms to the requirements of the department of state police.

Section 2. That Section 22-193 of Article VIII 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. 22-193. Warning devices--* Sirens or exhaust whistles upon emergency vehicles.

Every police vehicle and * vehicle used for the purpose of fighting fire and every ambulance or rescue vehicle used for emergency calls shall be equipped with a siren, exhaust whistle or air horn designed to give automatically intermittent signals of a type not prohibited by the superintendent of department of state police. Publicly owned vehicles used by a State forest warden, not to exceed two hundred in number in the Commonwealth, may also be so equipped.

Section 3. That Section 22-195 of Article VIII 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. 22-195. Mirrors.

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon a street which is

not equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the street for a distance of not less than two hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle. *

(b) No motor vehicle registered in this state designed and licensed primarily for passenger vehicular transportation on the public streets and manufactured for the year nineteen hundred sixty-nine or for subsequent years shall be operated on the streets of this city unless equipped with at least one outside and at least one inside rear view mirror meeting the requirements of subsection (a) above.

Section 4. That subsection (b) of Section 22-199 of Article VIII 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:

(b) It shall be unlawful to operate on any*street any motor vehicle registered in this state, manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1936, unless such vehicle is equipped with safety glass approved by the superintendent of the department of state police or meets the standards and specifications of the American Standards Association and the regulations of the federal Department of Transportation whenever glass is used in doors, windows, windshields and sideshields.

Section 5. 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: NOVEMBER 12, 1968

N.B. Underlining is not part of the ordinance but merely denotes new or changed material. Asterisks denote deletions.