

ORDINANCE NO. 1515

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 22-20 of Division 1 and to amend Article II by adding thereto a new Division designated 1A, all of Article II, 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 II relates to POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES; SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKERS GENERALLY; TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES, which Division 1 relates to TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD, which new Division 1A relates to and establishes THE ALEXANDRIA HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION, and which Section 22-20 relates to TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD; ESTABLISHED; COMPOSITION; TERM; COMPENSATION; VACANCIES; CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS, Chapter 7.2 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia as amended in 1968 provides, among other things, that each city within the state shall have a local highway safety commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia desires to comply with said law; therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-20, Division 1, Article II, 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. 22-20. Established; composition; term; compensation; vacancies; chairman.

There is hereby established a traffic and parking board, which shall be composed of seven residents of the city who are not serving on any other official city body except the Alexandria Highway Safety Commission. Such members shall be appointed by the city council for terms of two years; provided, that the initial appointments made under the authority of this section shall be one-year terms for four of the members and two-year terms for the other three members. Members of the board shall serve without compensation and may be removed by the city council for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, after written notice and after public hearing. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by council-appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The chairman of the board shall be selected by the members of the board.

Section 2. That Article II of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new Division designated 1A to read as follows:

DIVISION 1A. ALEXANDRIA HIGHWAY SAFETY
COMMISSION

Sec. 22-23.1. Establishment and organization.

There is hereby created the Alexandria Highway Safety Commission, herein sometimes referred to as the "commission", which shall consist of nine members, seven members of which shall be the members of the Traffic and Parking Board whose terms of office on the commission shall correspond with their terms on the Board. One member shall be a member of the City Council who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. One member shall be the Superintendent of Public Schools whose term of office shall correspond to his tenure as Superintendent. The commission shall elect its chairman from its membership. A quorum of five members present is required before the commission may take any official action. All decisions shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present and no proxy vote shall be allowed. The commission shall meet at least four times each year. In matters concerning the procedure for meetings not covered by this chapter, the commission may establish its own rules; provided they are not contrary to the spirit of this chapter.

The Director of Traffic shall act as the clerk for and a consultant to the commission.

Sec. 22-23.2. Powers and duties.

The commission is charged with the responsibility for recommending to the City Council plans for the formulation of a highway safety program for the city and thereafter with the responsibility for a periodic review of the operation and effect of such program. The commission shall advise and assist the city in the preparation of a program for highway safety within the city which shall be subject to the approval of the Governor for purposes of determining the eligibility of the city to participate in funds and grants available under the federal Highway Safety Act of 1966 or such State funds as may be made available. Such plans shall specifically include, in addition to such matters as the Governor through the State Highway Safety Division may require, material on the status of need for and means to provide within the city driver education and driver improvement courses for adults and out-of-school youths and identification of accident-prone locations on roads within the city's jurisdiction and in cooperation with State agencies. Such plans shall be submitted forthwith so that the city can submit its program for highway safety to the Governor by January one, nineteen hundred sixty-nine.

The commission shall also perform such other functions relating to highway safety as the City Council may from time to time require.

Sec. 22-23.3. Advisory officials.

The City Manager may designate appropriate public officials or employees to attend the meetings of the commission in an advisory and consulting capacity, but with no right to vote.

Section 3. 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