

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the first paragraph and Use and Minimum Fee table of Section 28-5 and the next to last paragraph of Section 28-5 of Article I of Chapter 28 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, and to amend said Chapter 28 by adding thereto a new article numbered III; which Chapter 28 relates to SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS, which Article I relates to IN GENERAL, which Section 28-5 relates to SEWER CONNECTION PERMITS AND SERVICE FEES; CONSTRUCTION COSTS; CONSTRUCTING SEWERS BY OWNERS RATHER THAN CITY; ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS, which first paragraph thereof relates to SEWER PERMITS, which table relates to USE AND MINIMUM FEES, which next to last paragraph relates to PERSONS DESIRING ADDITIONAL SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION, and which new Article III relates to SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED IN SEWERS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the first paragraph and Use and Minimum Fee table thereof of Section 28-5, Article I, Chapter 28 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

Any person desiring to connect for sewer service from his premises, through any sewer constructed by or belonging to the city or any sewer serving the area annexed to the city in 1952, but belonging to a county, by direct connection at a city sewer main, trunk or lateral, shall, before starting to make such connection apply to the director of public works for a permit to make the connection, and the director of public works shall issue a permit for such sewer connection when and after such person shall have paid into the city treasury the sum of * six dollars for each linear front foot of ground enclosed, pertaining to, or embraced by the house or building, yard and side entrance, if any, to be calculated on the shorter frontage, when the property has more than one frontage line; provided, however, that the amount to be paid for service shall in no case be less than the minimum amounts shown below:

Use	Minimum Fee
Single-family dwelling	* \$300.00
Two-family dwelling	* 300.00
Row family dwelling	* 125.00
Apartment building, per efficiency unit	30.00
Apartment building, per one bedroom unit	40.00
Apartment building, per two bedroom unit	50.00
Apartment building, per three bedroom unit	60.00
Motel or motor court, per dwelling unit	30.00
Trailer camp, per dwelling unit	60.00
Hotel, per guest room	30.00
Office building, per front foot per floor	* 3.00
Other commercial use	150.00
Industrial Building, \$0.035 per square foot of * floor area, but in no case less than	350.00

Section 2. That the next to last paragraph of Section 28-5, Article I, Chapter 28 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:

Any person desiring additional sewer service connection to any one separate piece of property, shall make application to the director of public works for permission to construct such connection and shall pay into the city treasury the sum of * fifty dollars for each additional connection prior to the issuance of the connection permit.

Section 3. That Chapter 28 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new article numbered III to read as follows:

Article III. Substances Prohibited in Sewers.

Sec. 28-23. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section.

"Improperly shredded garbage" shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, eating, handling, dispensing, storage or sale of food that have not been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (1/2) inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.

"pH" shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.

Sec. 28-24. Substances prohibited.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into any sewer or waterway, owned or operated by the City of Alexandria, Virginia or the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority, any of the following described substances, materials, waters or wastes:

(a) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.

(b) Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the city or sanitation authority sewers or sewage treatment plant, including, but not limited to, cyanides, chromium, iron, copper, zinc, silver, lead, nickel, and arsenic.

(c) Any water or waste having a pH of less than 5.5 or greater than 9.5, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, or personnel of the city or the sanitation authority.

(d) Solid or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or interference with the proper operation of the sewage disposal system or sewage treatment plant, including but not limited to improperly shredded garbage, ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, wood or paunch manure.

(e) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150° F.

(f) Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils in excess of 100 mg/l. or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between 32° F and 150° F.

(g) Any radioactive substance of such half-life or concentration as may exceed safe limits as established by State or Federal regulations.

Sec. 28-25. Inspections.

The director of public works of the City of Alexandria, Virginia or his duly authorized representative may, when granted permission by the owner, or some person with reasonably apparent authority to act for the owner, enter and inspect any property, premises or place at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating or testing either an actual or suspected source of violation of this article. When permission is refused or cannot be obtained, a proper warrant shall be obtained.

Sec. 28-26. Notice to violators.

Any person found to be violating the provisions of section 28-24 shall be served by a written notice from the director of public works of the City of Alexandria, Virginia stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time for the satisfactory correction thereof.

Sec. 28-27. Penalties.

Any person who shall continue violating any of the provisions of section 28-24 beyond the time limit provided for in section 28-26 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned in the city jail for a period not exceeding sixty days, either or both, and each such violation shall constitute a separate offense. Violations of section 28-24 may in addition to or in place of the penalty provided above, be restrained, prohibited, or enjoined by appropriate proceedings.

Section 4. 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 14, 1969

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