

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 2-4, 2-10, 2-14, 2-19, 2-21 and 2-22, and to repeal Section 2-9, all of Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 2 relates to ADMINISTRATION, which Article I relates to CITY COUNCIL, which Division 1 relates to IN GENERAL, which Section 2-4 relates to COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS, which Section 2-10 relates to MAYOR; VICE-MAYOR, which Section 2-14 relates to INAUGURAL MEETING; COUNCIL AS JUDGE OF ELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS, which Section 2-19 relates to WHEN COUNCIL TO ACT BY ORDINANCE; AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF ORDINANCES GENERALLY, which Section 2-21 relates to PROCEDURE FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES, which Section 2-22 relates to EMERGENCY ORDINANCES GENERALLY, and which Section 2-9 relates to INTEREST OF MEMBER IN PROCEEDINGS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 2-4, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 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. 2-4. Compensation of members.

Members of the city council shall receive, in full compensation for their services, four hundred dollars per month; provided, that the mayor shall receive, in full compensation for his services, four hundred and fifty dollars per month. The rate of compensation for the members of the city council and the mayor may be changed by ordinance; except, that no increase in such rate of compensation shall be made to become effective during the term \* of office of the members of council and the mayor in which the vote to increase the compensation is cast.

Section 2. That Section 2-10, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 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. 2-10. Mayor; vice-mayor.

The mayor of the city shall be elected as provided for in section 10.01 of the Charter, and the vice-mayor shall be elected as provided for in section 3.05 of the Charter. The mayor shall preside over the meetings of the city council and shall have the same right to vote and speak therein as other members. The mayor shall not have the power of veto. He shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, the purposes of military law and the service of civil process. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of mayor, such vacancy shall be filled as provided in Chapter 10 of

the Charter. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of \* vice-mayor, the city council shall \* forthwith fill such vacancy for the unexpired term by majority vote of all the remaining members of council, including the mayor. In the absence or disability of the mayor, the vice-mayor shall perform the duties of mayor.

Section 3. That Section 2-14, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 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. 2-14. Inaugural meeting; council as judge of election and qualifications of members.

The first meeting of a newly elected city council shall take place at 7:30 P.M. on the first day of July following election or if such day shall fall on Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then on the next business day, and shall be called to order by the city clerk or, in his absence, by any judicial officer having jurisdiction in the city.

The city council shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its members \* to the extent provided for in section \* 3.07.1 of the city charter.

Section 4. That Section 2-19, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordain to read as follows:

Sec. 2-19. When council to act by ordinance; amendment and repeal of ordinances generally.

In addition to such acts of the city council as are required by the Constitution or general laws of the state or by the Charter to be by ordinance, every act of the city council creating, altering or abolishing any department or creating, assigning or abolishing any bureau, division, office, agency or employment, making any appropriation in excess of five thousand dollars, except as provided by section 5.16 of the Charter, authorizing the borrowing of money, except as provided by sections 7.04, 7.19, 7.20 and 7.21 of the Charter, levying a tax or establishing any rule or regulation for the violation of which a fine or penalty is imposed, shall be by ordinance. No ordinance shall be amended, suspended or repealed, except by an ordinance regularly introduced and passed.

Section 5. That Section 2-21, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 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. 2-21. Procedure for passage of ordinances.

Any ordinance may be introduced by any member of the city council or by the city manager at any regular meeting of the city council or at any special meeting when the subject thereof has been included in the notice for such special meeting or has been approved by the unanimous consent of all members of the city council. Upon introduction, the ordinance shall receive its first reading and, provided it shall receive an affirmative vote of the majority of members present at this meeting, and provided further it is not a matter that by this Code or some other

provision of law requires more than a majority vote, a time, not less than three days after such introduction, and place shall be set at which the city council will hold a public hearing concerning it. If all members of the city council present at such introduction have received a copy of the proposed ordinance not less than twenty-four hours before such introduction, then only the title need be read for the first reading, otherwise the ordinance shall be read verbatim. The hearing may be held at a regular or special meeting of the city council and may be adjourned from time to time. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city, not later than the fifth day following the introduction of the ordinance, a notice containing the time and place of the hearing and the title of the proposed ordinance. It shall also be his duty to have the title or the full text of the proposed ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet requests or to cause it to be published as a paid advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city; except, that in the event \* there is no newspaper of general circulation published in the city, then such ordinance may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. It shall also be the duty of the city clerk to place a copy of the ordinance in a file provided for each member of the city council for this purpose. A proposed ordinance, unless it be an emergency ordinance may be finally passed upon its second reading at either a regular or special meeting of the city council following the introduction and publication of the ordinance, and conclusion of the public hearing thereon.

Amendments or additions to an ordinance may be made at any time after introduction and further publication of an amendment is not necessary, except that if such amendments or additions introduce an entirely new subject matter and radically change the overall purpose of the ordinance, then they shall be handled separately and introduced as a new ordinance. At the second reading, only the title of an ordinance need be read, unless amendments or additions have been made subsequent to the introduction, in which case such amendments or additions shall be read in full prior to passage.

Section 6. That Section 2-22, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 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. 2-22. Emergency ordinances generally.

Except for ordinances appropriating money exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, imposing taxes, or authorizing the borrowing of money, if, in the opinion of the city council, an emergency exists, an ordinance pertinent to the emergency may be read a second time and passed with or without amendment at the same meeting at which it is introduced and no publication or specific time interval between introduction and passage is necessary. An emergency ordinance must contain a specific statement of the emergency claimed, and must be passed by two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the city council present.

Section 7. That Section 2-9, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is repealed.

Section 8. 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: JULY 13, 1971

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