

ORDINANCE NO. 1801

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 4-10 by adding thereto one new definition and amending and reordaining two existing definitions, to amend and reordain Section 4-12, to amend and reordain the second paragraph of Section 4-13, to add a new section numbered 4-20.1 and to amend and reordain Section 4-22, all of the foregoing of Article III, Chapter 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 4 relates to ANIMALS AND FOWL, which Article III relates to DOGS, which new definition relates to DOG WARDEN OR DEPUTY DOG WARDENS, which amended and reordained definitions relate to OWNER AND RUN AT LARGE, which Section 4-12 relates to OWNERS AND CUSTODIANS NOT TO LET DOGS RUN AT LARGE, which Section 4-13 relates to IMPOUNDING OF DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE; REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS; DISPOSITION OF UNREDEEMED DOGS and which second paragraph thereof relates to PAYMENT FOR REDEMPTION, which new Section numbered 4-20.1 relates to DOG WARDENS, APPOINTMENT, POWERS, and which Section 4-22 relates to PENALTIES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 4-10, Article III, Chapter 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new definition to read as follows:

Dog warden or deputy dog wardens. The persons appointed, as provided in Section 4-20.1.

Section 2. That the definitions of Owner and Run at large in Section 4-10, Article III, Chapter 4 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:

Owner. Includes any person having a right of property in a dog, and any person who keeps or harbors a dog or has it in his care, or who acts as its custodian, and any person who permits a dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

Run at large. Roaming, running, or self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control.

Section 3. That Section 4-12, Article III, Chapter 4 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. 4-12. Owners and custodians not to let dogs run at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to permit his dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large in the city at any time.

Section 4. That the second paragraph of Section 4-13, Article III, Chapter 4 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:

The owner of any dog so impounded shall be entitled to possession of such animal upon proof of ownership satisfactory to the operators of the shelter and the payment of the sum of five dollars for the first time the dog is impounded plus two dollars for each twenty-four hour period

or part thereof that the dog is held beyond the first twenty-four hour period and the sum of ten dollars for each subsequent time the dog is impounded, plus two dollars for each twenty-four hour period of any part thereof that the dog is held beyond the first twenty-four hour period of subsequent impounding; provided, however, that before release to any person:

Section 5. That Article III of Chapter 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section numbered 4-20.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 4-20.1. Dog wardens, appointment, powers.

A dog warden shall be appointed by the City Manager and may be removed by the City Manager as provided by law. The City Manager may also appoint one or more deputy dog wardens and remove them as provided by law. The dog warden and the deputy dog wardens shall, within the city and subject to any limitations imposed by the City Manager, have the powers of a state game warden in the enforcement of the dog laws of the city. The dog warden and deputy dog wardens shall, within the city and subject to any limitations imposed by the City Manager, have the power to enforce the provisions of Article III of Chapter 4 of the City Code.

Section 6. That Section 4-22, Article III, Chapter 4 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. 4-22. Penalties.

Any owner who permits his dog to run at large, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars for each violation.

Any person violating any other provision of this article shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the city jail for a period not exceeding thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published 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: AUGUST 15, 1972