

ORDINANCE NO. 1817

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 2-11, 2-18 and 2-20 of Division 1, to further amend said Division 1 by adding thereto a new section numbered 2-24.1, and to amend and reordain Sections 2-28 and 2-29 of Division 2, all of 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 thereof relates to IN GENERAL, which Division 2 thereof relates to RULES OF PROCEDURE, which Section 2-11 relates to CITY CLERK GENERALLY, which Section 2-18 relates to ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS APPROPRIATING MONEY, IMPOSING TAXES OR AUTHORIZING BORROWING, which Section 2-20 relates to FORM AND STYLE OF ORDINANCES; MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL OF AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES; WHEN ORDINANCES TO BE EFFECTIVE, which new Section 2-24.1 relates to RECORDATION OF FINAL VOTE ON ANY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION, which Section 2-28 relates to REGULAR MEETINGS and which Section 2-29 relates to SPECIAL MEETINGS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 2-11 of Division 1, Article I of 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. 2-11. City clerk generally.

The city council shall appoint a city clerk and shall have power to remove him from office. He shall be the clerk of the city council, shall keep the journal of its proceedings and shall record all ordinances in a properly indexed book kept for the purpose. He may incorporate into the said journal by reference various documents, including, but not limited to, agreements, ordinances, resolutions, reports and maps. He shall also give every ordinance after passage a serial number. He shall be the custodian of the corporate seal of the city and shall be the officer authorized to use and authenticate it. All records in his office shall be public records and open to inspection at any time. He shall receive compensation to be fixed by the city council and shall perform such additional duties as the city council may from time to time designate.

The city council may appoint a deputy city clerk, when in the opinion of the council the city clerk is, because of disability or otherwise, unable to perform the duties of the office. The council shall have the power to remove such deputy clerk from office. Any such appointed deputy clerk shall, while holding office, have the power and authority to perform all of the duties and functions of the city clerk and clerk of council.

Section 2. That Section 2-18 of Division 1, Article I of 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. 2-18. Ordinances or resolutions appropriating money, imposing taxes or authorizing borrowing.

No ordinance or resolution appropriating money exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, imposing taxes or authorizing the borrowing of money shall be passed by the city council on the same day on which it is introduced, nor shall any such ordinance or resolution be valid unless at least three days intervene between its introduction and its passage. No ordinance or resolution appropriating money exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars, imposing taxes, or authorizing the borrowing of money shall be passed except by a recorded affirmative vote of a majority of all members elected to council.

Section 3. That Section 2-20 of Division 1, Article I of 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. 2-20. Form and style of ordinances; memorandum to council of amendment or repeal of ordinances; when ordinances to be effective.

Every ordinance, except the annual appropriation ordinances and an ordinance codifying ordinances, shall be confined to a single subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title. All ordinances shall be introduced in type-written or printed form or a combination of both. All ordinances which repeal or amend existing ordinances shall identify by title the section or subsection to be repealed or amended and an informal memorandum explaining the repeal or amendment shall be read to council for its information. The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be: "The City Council of Alexandria hereby ordains." Unless another date is specified therein and except as otherwise provided in the Charter, an ordinance shall take effect on the day of its final passage.

Section 4. That Division 1 of Article I of Chapter 2 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 2-24.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 2-24.1. Recordation of final vote on any ordinance or resolution.

On final vote on any ordinance or resolution the name of each member voting and how he voted shall be recorded.

Section 5. That Section 2-28 of Division 2, Article I of 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. 2-28. Regular meetings.

The regular meetings of the city council shall be held the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month at 7:30 P.M. The city council shall, except during the months of July and August, hold regular meetings in any suitable location in the city on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month at 7:30 P.M.; provided, however, that when any such day shall fall on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day. Whenever a regular meeting is held at a location other than at city council chambers, notice of the time and location of any such meeting shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city at least five days prior to the meeting. In the event there is no newspaper of general circulation published in the city, such notice may be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city. In the event of an emergency no such notice need be published provided the city manager, the mayor or any two members of the council attempts to give the news media such notice as can reasonably be given under the circumstances.

Section 6. That Section 2-29 of Division 2, Article I of 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. 2-29. Special meetings.

The mayor, the city manager or any two members of the city council may call a special meeting at any time; provided, that at least twelve hours' written notice of such special meeting shall be served personally on each member or left at his usual place of business or residence, which notice shall contain a statement of the specific items of business to be transacted. No business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting, except by the unanimous consent of all the members of the city council. However, a special meeting may be held at any time without notice if all members of the city council attend such meeting or waive notice thereof. Whenever a special meeting is held at a location other than at city council chambers, notice of the time and location of any such meeting shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city at least five days prior to the meeting. In the event there is no newspaper of general circulation published in the city, such notice may be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city. In

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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: NOVEMBER 28, 1972