

ORDINANCE NO. 2002

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new section numbered 17A; which Chapter 1 relates to GENERAL PROVISIONS, and which new Section 17A relates to ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER ELECTION DISTRICT VOTING PLACE.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia did in 1974, in Chapter 428 of the Acts of Assembly of 1974, amend Title 24.1, Elections, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, by the addition of Section 24.1-233.1 which provides in part as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of counting and recording absentee ballots in all elections, the governing body of each city or county may establish a central absentee voter election district in the courthouse or other public building, and the governing body of any town may establish such an election district for town elections, which shall receive, count and record all such ballots cast within that city, county or town. The decisions to establish such district shall be made by the governing body in the month of January of each year, be effective February one of that year for a period of twelve months and immediate notification of such decision sent to the State Board of Elections and the electoral board."

and

WHEREAS, the Electoral Board of the City of Alexandria has recommended that a Central Absentee Voter Election District be established and that the polling place of such Central Absentee Voter Election District should be Room 101 (Electoral Board of the City of Alexandria), the Alexandria City Hall, 125 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia; therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding the following new section thereto:

Sec. 1-17A. Establishment of central absentee voter election district and voting place.

There is hereby established for the City of Alexandria a Central Absentee Voter Election District. The voting place of the Central Absentee Voter Election District shall be Room 101 (Electoral Board of the City of Alexandria) of the Alexandria City Hall, 125 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The Central Absentee Voter Election District shall conform in all respects with the provisions of Section 24.1-233.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Section 2. That this ordinance, together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing, shall be published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city and having a general circulation in the affected election districts, and the first such publication shall be not later than five days following introduction of this ordinance. The clerk of the council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the dates 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 February 1, 1975.

[Attention is called to the fact that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973 c, prohibits the enforcement of this ordinance until a determination has been made in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act, that denial or abridgment of the right to vote on account of race or color is not the purpose and will not be the effect of the changes made herein.]

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: JANUARY 28, 1975