

ORDINANCE NO. 2119

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 2-20 and 2-21 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 I relates to IN GENERAL, which Section 2-20 relates to FORM AND STYLE OF ORDINANCES; WHEN ORDINANCES TO BE EFFECTIVE and which Section 2-21 relates to PROCEDURE FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 2-20 of Division I, 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:

Section 2-20. Form and style of ordinances; when ordinances to be effective.

Every ordinance, except the annual appropriate ordinances and an ordinance codifying ordinances, shall be confined to a single subject, which shall be clearly expressed in title. All ordinances shall be introduced in typewritten 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 All ordinances which repeal or amend existing ordinances shall identify by title the section or subsection to be repealed or amended. 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 date of its final passage.

Section 2. That Section 2-21 of Division I, Article I, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and repealed to read as follows: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 item as it appears on the docket of matters to be considered by city council 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 its introduction, publication 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 item as it appears on the docket of matters to be considered by city council 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 3. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining 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 city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk 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 July 1, 1976.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: June 22, 1976