

ORDINANCE NO. 2708

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 4, Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding a new Article C; which Title 2 relates to GENERAL GOVERNMENT, which Chapter 4 relates to COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS and which new Article C relates to HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 4, Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding a new Article C to read as follows:

ARTICLE C

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.

Sec. 2-4-31. Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a commission to be known as the "Historic Alexandria Resources Commission of the City of Alexandria, Virginia," hereinafter referred to as the "commission."

(b) The commission shall consist of commissioners appointed by the city council to provide representation for the following groups:

(1) Category A--City commissioners. One (1) representative from each of the following groups (for a total of no more than four (4) members):

Alexandria Archaeology Commission
Alexandria Restoration and Preservation
Commission
Alexandria Tourist Council
Historic Records Commission

(2) Category B--History organizations. One (1) representative from each of the following groups (for a total of no more than six (6) members):

Alexandria Association
Alexandria Historical Society
Alexandria Historic Landmarks Society
Alexandria Society for the Preservation
of Black Heritage, Inc.

Historic Alexandria Docents
Historic Alexandria Foundation

(3) Category C--Other.

a. Tourism and business. Two (2) representatives from the business community, one (1) of which shall be designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce (for a total of no more than two (2) members).

b. Art affiliated groups. One (1) representative from each of the following groups (for a total of no more than two (2) members):

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association
Torpedo Factory Artists Association

c. At-large members. Seven (7) representatives of the public at large of which at least two (2) shall be members of Alexandria civic associations. At least two (2) representatives shall be appointed from each of the three (3) planning districts of the city (for a total of six (6) of the no more than seven (7) at-large members).

(c) One (1) person may be appointed by the city council to represent more than one (1) of the aforesaid groups and, thus, reduce the constituent membership of the commission to less than 21 appointed members but only if the groups who are to share representation by the same member have given their prior consent thereto.

Sec. 2-4-32. Functions, powers and duties.

The commission may advise and support the city council, the city manager and the city staff of the Historic Alexandria Resources Office as to:

(a) The responsible stewardship of this unique, historic city, including:

(1) Preserving historic sites and buildings, artifacts and records, in all their forms, from loss or deterioration;

(2) Using these resources in consonance with professional standards of scholarship and museum procedures; and

(3) Developing our city in directions that do not threaten its historic integrity.

(b) Enhancing the quality of the Alexandria urban environment for the residents of the city, including:

(1) Building a sense of community identity and continuity;

(2) Preserving the historic cultural diversity of the city; and

(3) Building Alexandria's national and international reputation as an attractive city.

(c) Attracting people and business to Alexandria, including:

(1) Making Alexandria an attractive place to locate offices, businesses and light industry;

(2) Increasing the contribution of tourism to city finances; and

(3) Enhancing the availability and improving public access to the city's historic resources.

Section 2. 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 the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: June 22, 1982