

ORDINANCE NO. 2820

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsections (1) and (2) of Section 11-7-3, subsection (b) of Section 11-7-8, Section 11-7-9, subsection (b) of Section 11-7-10, Section 11-7-12, subsections (b) and (c) of Section 11-7-13 and subsection (b) of Section 11-7-15, all of Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 11 relates to HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY REGULATIONS, which Chapter 7 relates to PERSONAL GROOMING ESTABLISHMENTS, which Section 11-7-3 relates to DEFINITIONS, which subsection (1) relates to PERSONAL GROOMING ESTABLISHMENTS, which subsection (2) relates to PERSONAL GROOMING SERVICE, which Section 11-7-8 relates to GENERAL SANITARY REQUIREMENTS, which subsection (b) relates to CONNECTION OF PERSONAL GROOMING ESTABLISHMENT WITH OTHER BUSINESS, which Section 11-7-9 relates to PREMISES, FACILITIES AND APPARATUS, which Section 11-7-10 relates to CLEANING AND DISINFECTING TOOLS, which subsection (b) relates to RAZORS, SCISSORS, COMBS, TWEEZERS AND TOOLS, which Section 11-7-12 relates to HYGIENIC PRACTICES OF PERSONAL GROOMING, which Section 11-7-13 relates to HEALTH AND PERSONAL HYGIENE OF PERSONAL GROOMING EMPLOYEES, which subsection (b) relates to UNIFORMS, which subsection (c) relates to EMPLOYEES' HEALTH, which Section 11-7-15 relates to INFECTED PATRONS and which subsection (b) relates to HEALTH OF PATRONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsections (1) and (2), Section 11-7-3, Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

(1) Personal grooming establishments. Any facility, area or place where personal grooming services are offered to the public and performed for compensation or other reward. These establishments shall include, but not be limited to, barber shops, beauty salons, hairstyling salons, barber or beauty schools, non-medical skin care and body treatment establishments and all other such areas, places and facilities, by whatever name called.

(2) Personal grooming service. Any act of grooming performed by one (1) person on the skin, hair, nails, head, scalp, face, neck, hands and/or feet of another person. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, any shaving, shaping, trimming, cutting, singeing, shampooing, dyeing or applying lotions to the hair; any treatment or massage; any practice of cosmetology (esthetics) or beauty culture; and any application or use of any oil, cream, lotion, cosmetic, antiseptic, powder, clay or any other preparation, chemical or compound.

Section 2. That subsection (b), Section 11-7-8, Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(b) No personal grooming establishment shall be connected with any other non-related business or dwelling unless it is separated by a partition or wall constructed in accordance with law. Access to any dwelling or to any other non-related place of business shall not be through a personal grooming establishment, but shall be by means of a separate entrance.

Section 3. That Section 11-7-9, Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 11-7-9. Premises, facilities and apparatus.

(a) The windows, floors, walls and ceilings of all personal grooming establishments, together with all the appurtenances therein and all tools, appliances and other equipment used in connection therewith, shall be kept at all times in a clean and sanitary condition. If wall-to-wall carpeting is used, it must be covered with acrylic runners in sink and tub areas. The personal grooming establishment and all its parts shall be free of rodents and vermin.

(b) All rooms and areas used for personal grooming shall be provided with artificial illumination reasonably uniform in distribution with an intensity of at least 30 footcandles at the working surfaces at each station. Such illumination shall be reasonably free from glare.

(c) All rooms used for the purpose of personal grooming shall be adequately ventilated with at least five (5) air changes per hour.

(d) To provide adequate working space, the station in every new or remodeled personal grooming establishment shall be spaced not less than one and one-half (1.5) meters (5 feet) in width; provided, however, multiple stations without partition may be spaced not less than one and four-tenths (1.4) meters from center to center of chairs.

(e) No person shall use any building or part of any building as a personal grooming establishment unless the building or part thereof is provided with plumbing facilities installed in accordance with law. If the facilities can be reached by a line of travel not exceeding 25 meters without going outside of the building they shall be deemed sufficient for the purposes of this subsection. The facilities shall be provided with an adequate supply of toilet tissues, paper towels and soap.

(f) Floors and walls of toilet rooms and water closet compartments shall be of nonabsorbent materials. Toilet rooms and water closets shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

(g) Each personal grooming establishment shall have the following equipment:

(1) At least one (1) suitable plumbing fixture with running hot and cold water for custodial purposes and not for customer service. If the plumbing fixture for custodial purposes is provided within the building and can be reached by a line of travel not exceeding 35 meters without going outside of the building it shall be deemed sufficient for the purposes of this subsection.

(2) Automatic lathering devices, if lather is to be used.

(3) Storage cabinets for supplies, clean linens and other material used in the practice of personal grooming.

(4) Covered metal storage containers for all waste materials.

(5) Suitable storage space for custodial equipment and supplies.

(6) Supplies of disinfectant and fungicide approved by the director.

(7) Clean towels, hair and chest cloths or other appropriate coverings.

(8) Neck strips and suitable dispensers, if chest cloths are used.

(9) Clean headrest covers and suitable dispensers, if headrest is provided.

(h) Minimum equipment for each station shall be as follows:

(1) hairdressing chair;

(2) one (1) or more covered containers for disinfecting and fungicidal solution unless clean and sanitized combs are provided;

(3) one (1) closed cabinet for tools and clean linen;

(4) one (1) closed container for soiled linen;

(5) one (1) container for used paper products.

(i) All chemicals and other preparations shall be properly labeled, stored and used. The storage of supplies on the floor is prohibited. Toxic materials and other items not necessary to the conduct of the operation shall not be kept within the establishment.

Section 4. That subsection (b), Section 11-7-10, Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(b) All razors, scissors, combs, tweezers, blackhead removers, and other tools that come into contact with any part of any patron, except clippers, used in the practicing of personal grooming shall be thoroughly cleaned to remove all film and debris and effectively disinfected immediately after use on each patron.

Section 5. That Section 11-7-12, Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 11-7-12. Hygienic practices of personal grooming.

(a) All towels and other implements or materials used in the service of a patron shall be removed from the work stand and from the wash basin immediately after the service of each patron and shall be placed in their proper containers. Hair cloths, chest cloths and hot towels shall not be left on chairs or work stands, except where a place is especially provided for that purpose on the chair. Jars containing creams or pomades shall be kept covered at all times.

(b) The common use of hair brushes, neck dusters, shaving mugs and shaving brushes is prohibited.

(c) The making of shaving lather in a wash basin or lavatory for use in serving a patron is prohibited.

(d) Alum or any material used to stop the flow of blood must be used only in the form of a powder or liquid, and applied only with a clean towel or sterile absorbent cotton.

(e) The use of powder puffs, sponges, lump alum and styptic pencils in serving a patron is prohibited.

(f) No soap in cake or stick form shall be used, except where packaged for individual uses and used for one (1) patron only.

(g) Paper used for wiping razors shall be clean. No printed papers shall be allowed.

(h) No employee shall remove or attempt to remove a wart or mole or treat any skin disease.

Section 6. That subsections (b) and (c), Section 11-7-13, Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

(b) All employees performing work upon the public shall at all times wear clean attire.

(c) No person shall engage in the practice of personal grooming who is suffering from any disease in a communicable form.

Section 7. That subsection (b), Section 11-7-15, Chapter 7, Title 11 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(b) No personal grooming employee shall knowingly serve any patron whom he suspects of being infected with any disease in a communicable state except that this service may be rendered subject to such regulations as may be imposed by the director.

Section 8. 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 28, 1983