

ORDINANCE NO. 2903

AN ORDINANCE TO amend and reordain subsection (a), Section 13-1-37, Chapter 1, Title 13 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 13 relates to MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, which Chapter 1 relates to GENERAL OFFENSES, which Section 13-1-37 relates to WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUSES, RAIL TRANSIT CARS AND RAIL TRANSIT STATIONS AND SCHOOL BUSES--PROHIBITED CONDUCT and which subsection (a) relates to PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (a), Section 13-1-37, Chapter 1, Title 13 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:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any passenger or occupant aboard a passenger bus or rail transit car owned or operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Alexandria city public schools, or by the Alexandria Transit Company while the vehicle is transporting passengers in the city in regular route service or contract or charter service, or any person within any rail transit station in the city to:

(1) smoke or carry a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar or cigarette;

(2) consume food or drink;

(3) expectorate;

(4) discard litter;

(5) play any radio, cassette, recorder or other instrument, except where the instrument is connected to an earphone that limits the sound to the individual user;

(6) carry any flammable liquids, live animals, birds, reptiles, explosives, acids and other dangerous articles defined in section 18.2-274 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, except for seeing eye dogs properly harnessed and accompanied by blind passengers, and small animals properly packaged;

(7) stand in front of the white line marked on the forward end of the floor of any bus, or otherwise conduct himself or herself in such manner as to obstruct the vision of its operator;

(8) board any bus through the rear exit door unless so directed by an employee or agent of the carrier;

(9) climb through a window or extend an arm, leg or head out of a window of any bus, except when necessary to preserve the safety of any person under emergency conditions;

(10) refuse to pay the established fare; and/or

(11) refuse to leave a bus or rail transit car or rail transit station after having been ordered to do so by the operator of a bus or rail transit car or other agent of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, or the Alexandria city public schools or the Alexandria Transit Company.

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: February 25, 1984