

ORDINANCE NO. 2905

AN ORDINANCE to amend subsection (c), Section 10-1-1, Chapter 1 by adding a new subsection (6) and redesignating the subsequent subsections as (7) through (22), and to amend and reordain Section 10-3-2, Article A, Chapter 3, all of Title 10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 10 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, which Chapter 1 relates to GENERAL PROVISIONS, which Chapter 3 relates to OPERATION OF VEHICLES, which Article A relates to GENERAL PROVISIONS, which Section 10-1-1 relates to ADOPTION OF STATE LAW, which subsection (c) relates to DEFINITIONS and which Section 10-3-2 formerly related to COMMUTER BUS LANES and now relates to COMMUTER BUS AND HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (c), Section 10-1-1, Chapter 1, Title 10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding a new subsection (6) to read as follows and redesignating the subsequent subsections as (7) through (22):

(6) High occupancy vehicle. A vehicle which has three (3) or more occupants.

Section 2. That Section 10-3-2, Article A, Chapter 3, Title 10 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. 10-3-2. Commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lanes.

(a) The east curb lane of South Washington Street from the northeast corner of Church Street and North Washington Street from King Street north to its intersection with the east curb lane of East Abingdon Drive and then north along the east curb lane of East Abingdon Drive to its intersection with the George Washington Memorial Parkway is designated as a commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane.

(b) The commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane reservation will be in effect during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, excepting legal holidays.

(c) The commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane designated in (a) above, shall be reserved for the exclusive use of buses, whether publicly or privately operated, and high occupancy vehicles during the specified hours except as provided in (d)(1), (d)(2) and (d)(3) below.

(d) No other vehicles shall be allowed to be operated in the commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane during the specified hours except for the following purposes:

(1) Turning right at the next intersection where a right turn is permitted or to turn right at any entrance before the next intersection.

(2) Turning right onto North Washington Street or South Washington Street. Such maneuver will require the operator to merge into the adjacent lane before crossing the next intersection that permits a right turn unless the driver turns right at or before the intersection.

(3) Stopping momentarily to pick up or discharge a person.

(e) The operator of any vehicle, other than a bus or high occupancy vehicle, continuing across an intersection in the commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane and not turning right where such a turn is permitted, or stopping or standing in the commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane longer than momentarily, will be in violation of this section.

(f) Signs designating the commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane shall include the times and days that the restriction is in effect and will be plainly posted along the entirety of the route, two (2) per block. A sign will be posted in the block preceding the first block of the commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane will begin in the following block. The commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane designation signs shall be of a design approved by the Virginia State Highway and Transportation Commission and the city council.

(g) Any person operating a vehicle in a designated commuter bus and high occupancy vehicle lane in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00.

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 the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: March 17, 1984