

ORDINANCE NO. 3020

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-12-133, Division 6, Article A, Chapter 12, Title 9 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 9 relates to LICENSING AND REGULATION, which Chapter 12 relates to TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE, which Article A relates to TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES, which Division 6 relates to FARES, which Section 9-12-133 formerly related to TAXICAB SERVICES AND FARES FOR ELDERLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN AN OWNER AND THE CITY OR A NONPROFIT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ORGANIZATION and which now relates to TAXICAB SERVICES AND FARES FOR ELDERLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS, OR FOR OTHER SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED SERVICES, PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN AN OWNER AND THE CITY OR A NONPROFIT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission has received a grant from the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation to conduct a demonstration of shared-ride taxi feeder service to and from Metrorail stations for a period of up to one year; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission is committed to demonstrating this concept at the three Metrorail stations within the city on a flat-rate charge basis and will reimburse city taxi drivers for any difference between their costs and the cash fares paid by the riders; and

WHEREAS, in order to institute this special taxi service the city must amend its Code of Ordinances pursuant to the authority granted by section 56-291.3:6 of the Virginia Code to permit the flat-rate pricing required by the grant; and

WHEREAS, because the special taxi service is experimental in nature and is currently limited in duration to one year, this amendment to the Code of Ordinances will expire on April 30, 1986; therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 9-12-133, Division 6, Article A, Chapter 12, Title 9 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. 9-12-133. Taxicab services and fares for elderly or physically handicapped persons, or for other specifically authorized services, pursuant to a contract between an owner and the city or a nonprofit private or public organization.

Upon the approval of the city council, any owner, company, association or fleet may enter into a contract, on an annual or semiannual basis, with the city or any nonprofit private or public organization to provide taxicab services for elderly or for physically handicapped persons, or for other specifically authorized services to the general public, to be certified as eligible in accordance with standards set forth in the contract, under a fare schedule agreed upon in the contract. Such fare schedule may differ from the fares established in section 9-12-132 of this article. The city manager or designee of the city manager is hereby authorized to grant subsequent approval for changes to such fares agreed upon in the original contract. Any owner operating a taxicab pursuant to such a contract shall comply with all other provisions of this article, except where otherwise specified. No contract shall be entered into unless all owners operating a taxicab pursuant to such a contract have obtained certificates of public convenience and necessity required by this article prior to entering into any contract.

Section 2. That the portion of this ordinance applicable to other specifically authorized services to the general public shall be of no force and effect after April 30, 1986, unless re-enacted.

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 16, 1985