

RESOLUTION NO. 206

RESOLUTION SOLICITING VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR  
ALEXANDRIA CLINIC SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Community Health Center, a private not-for-profit organization, has provided medical service to indigent citizens of the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County since 1937, but will discontinue operation of its Columbus Street Clinic in 1974, when the Duke Street branch of Alexandria Hospital on that site moves to the Seminary Road location of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in recognition of the fact that the Columbus Street Clinic would be closing, appointed the Ad Hoc Mayor's Committee on Health Care in early 1971 to study health care needs in the community and make recommendations relative to a new system of clinics; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee, after two years of deliberations, forwarded its recommendations to the City Council on March 27, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on April 24, 1973, after careful consideration of the Mayor's Committee recommendations and numerous citizen expressions received at a public hearing on April 6, 1973, adopted a motion approving the new system of clinics for Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to formally set forth and transmit its decision on a system of clinics to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health, and to request his support and assistance so that the recommended system of clinics will become a part of the public health program in Alexandria that is eligible for financial assistance under the established State-local partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED  
THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA,

Hereby approves, and requests the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health, the City Manager, and the Alexandria Director of Public Health to take all appropriate steps to establish, as a part of Alexandria's public health program under direction of the Alexandria Department of Health, a clinic system composed of: (1) a major clinic to be established on the Seminary Road campus of the Alexandria Hospital, and (2) a smaller clinic in downtown Alexandria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager and Alexandria Director of Public Health are hereby authorized and directed to provide to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health all background documentation, illustrative budgets, and other information that will be helpful in describing the system of clinics Alexandria needs and desires, and to work closely with the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health in an effort to secure necessary actions and approvals by the Virginia General Assembly at its 1974 session that will make the recommended system of clinics a part of the Alexandria public health program and will make these clinics eligible for State financial assistance.

Adopted May 9, 1973

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Helen Vickers, City Clerk and  
Clerk of Council.