

ORDINANCE NO. 30.

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING JUNK DEALERS TO KEEP CERTAIN BOOKS AND EXHIBIT THE SAME; TO MAKE REPORT OF CERTAIN ARTICLES RECEIVED OR PURCHASED BY THEM; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DO SO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

SECTION 1. Every junk dealer shall keep at his place of business a book or books, in which shall be fairly written in English an accurate description of each article purchased or received by him (except rags, bones, old scrap iron, other than gas pipe, and paper), with the price paid therefor, together with the name, residence, occupation, and correct description of the person from whom he received the same. The said book shall at all times be open to the inspection of any sergeant, constable, or police officer of the corporation in which such junk dealer shall do business. Every junk dealer doing business in said City shall every day (except Sunday), before eleven o'clock in the forenoon, deliver to the chief of police of said City on a blank form to be prescribed by such chief of police, a legible and correct transcript from his book or books of his transactions of the previous day. No junk dealer shall sell, melt, change the form of, or dispose of any article bought or received by him which he is required by this section to make record of and report within five days after such report. Any junk dealer who shall fail to keep such book or who shall on demand fail or refuse to exhibit the same to any sergeant, constable or police officer, or who shall fail or refuse to make a correct report as required by this section, or who shall in any other respect violate its provisions, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for each offense shall on conviction thereof, be punished with a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars. If any junk dealer shall have in his possession any article which is proved to have been stolen, except rags, bones, old scrap iron other than gas pipe, and papers, the receipt or purchase of which he has not recorded in the book which he is required to keep, or which he has not reported as prescribed by this section, he shall be deemed guilty of the larceny thereof.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Approved this 20th day of December, 1923.

W. A. SMOOT, Mayor.