

ORDINANCE NO. 218

AN ORDINANCE to provide Regulations for Barbers and Barber Shops located in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

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

Section 1. The following regulations shall be enforced for barbers and barber shops in the City of Alexandria:

- a. No person with any disease of the skin or scalp shall be served in a public barber shop.
- b. Barbers must wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water before attending any person.
- c. No alum or other astringent shall be used in lump or stick form. If used at all, it must be applied in the form of powder.
- d. The use of powder puffs is prohibited.
- e. No towel shall be used for more than one person without being laundered or sterilized. All towels that have been used, except one hand towel for each barber, shall be deposited in a separate container and shall not be placed with unused towels or left on chairs, or on or in other fixtures in the shop except that provided for soiled towels.
- f. The use of sponges is prohibited.
- g. Mugs, hair brushes and shaving brushes must be thoroughly washed after use on each person.
- h. Combs, razors, tweezers and scissors shall be thoroughly cleansed and sterilized after each separate use thereof by immersing in boiling water for not less than one minute, or in the case of razors, shears, scissors or tweezers by immersing them for not less than ten minutes in a 5% aqueous solution of carbolic acid.
- i. The floors of each room used in connection with the barber shop must be swept or mopped every day, and all furniture, shelves, walls, ceilings and woodwork must be kept free from dust, dirt and cobwebs.
- j. Hot and cold running water shall be provided in all barber shops.
- k. All bath tubs shall be thoroughly cleansed with soap and water after each separate use.
- l. All tools or instruments used by barbers outside the shop in serving any person suffering from infectious or contagious diseases are required to be thoroughly and efficiently disinfected with 15 per cent formaldehyde or by boiling immediately after using same, or by submerging same for 15 minutes in an aqueous solution containing 5% carbolic acid.
- m. No person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, including tuberculosis or venereal diseases shall serve any person in any barber shop in this City. To facilitate the enforcement of this regulation, all barbers are required to supply the City Health Department, within 30 days after the passage of this ordinance and every six months thereafter, a certificate signed by a reputable physician stating that they (the barbers) are free from contagious or communicable diseases, and that their blood tests are negative. After the expiration of said thirty day period no person shall work as a barber in any shop in the City without having first obtained and filed with the Health Department the certificate as hereinbefore required.

n. The sanitary inspector shall inspect the various cosmetics and the supplies used in barber shops in order to determine whether they contain any injurious products, and if any such are found same shall be confiscated and destroyed.

o. A toilet must be provided in or available to all barber shops, which must be kept in a sanitary condition at all times.

p. All sleeping quarters opening directly into a barber shop are prohibited unless they be properly ventilated.

q. The headrest of the barber chair shall be covered by a clean, unused towel or by clean new paper for each customer.

r. All containers for razors, scissors, or other implements used in the barber trade shall be of metal material or glass and said containers shall be kept clean and sterilized at reasonable intervals.

Section 2. A printed copy of the foregoing regulations to be furnished by the City shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place in each barber shop in the City.

Section 3. Any violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Five Dollars nor more than One Hundred Dollars for a first offense, and not less than Ten Dollars nor more than Three Hundred Dollars for any subsequent offense.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of November, 1936.

Approved this 14th day of October, 1936.

E. C. DAVISON,
Mayor.