

ORDINANCE NO. 321

AN ORDINANCE relating to traffic and regulating the use of public streets and highways in the City of Alexandria; providing for the installation, regulations and control of the use of parking meters; requiring deposit of coins for the use of Parking Meters and parking meter zones; defining parking meter zones; authorizing the payment for parking meters and the installation thereof and for repairs and supply parts therefor exclusively from the receipts obtained from the operation of parking meters; providing for the enforcement hereof; providing penalty for violations hereof; and providing that invalidity of part shall not affect validity of remainder.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

Section 1. (a) The word "vehicle" as used herein shall mean any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, except those operated upon rails or tracks.

(b) The word "person" shall mean and include any individual, firm, corporation or co-partnership.

(c) The word "Operator" shall mean and include every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee or permittee of the owner.

Section 2. The following described parts of streets in the City of Alexandria are hereby established as parking meter zones:

(a) Both sides of King St. from Fairfax St. to Payne St., inclusive.

(b) Both sides of the 100 block North Washington St. and 100 block South Washington Street.

(c) Space on both sides of the 100 blocks north and south of all streets intersecting King Street from Fairfax to Payne Streets, inclusive, except Washington Street and Alfred Street, to provide for five vehicles on each side.

Section 3. The time limits for parking in any space in said parking meter zones shall be determined by deposit of coin or coins in each parking meter as follows, provided that the time limit for parking shall in no case exceed one hour:

Twelve (12) minutes for one cent (1c)

Twenty-four (24) minutes for two cents (2c)

Thirty-six (36) minutes for three cents (3c)

Forty-eight (48) minutes for four cents (4c)

One hour for five cents (5c)

Section 4. The City Manager, or such officers or employees of the City as he may select, shall provide for the installation, regulation, control, operation and use of parking meters in the parking meter zones hereby created, and shall maintain said meters in good workable condition.

Section 5. The City Manager is hereby vested with power and authority to enter into a contract in the manner as prescribed by law for the purchase and installation of parking meters; and to provide payment for such meters and installation exclusively from the receipts, funds and revenues obtained by the city from the operation of said parking meters without in anywise personally obligating the city to pay for same from any other source. And the City Manager is further hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract or contract for repairs and such parts of said parking meters as may be necessary to maintain same in good operating condition and to pay for such repairs and parts exclusively from the receipts, funds and revenues received from the operating of said parking meters.

Section 6. (a) Such parking meters shall be placed upon the curb along side of or next to individual parking places, which parking places shall be either parallel to or diagonal with the curb and shall be marked with proper lines.

(b) Each said parking meter shall be so set as to display a signal that the parking space along side thereof is or is not in use.

(c) Each said parking meter shall be so set as to display a signal showing legal parking in the adjoining space, upon the deposit of a coin or coins of the United States, for a period of time conforming to the parking limits specified in this ordinance.

(d) Each said parking meter shall also be so arranged that upon the expiration of said parking limit it will indicate by appropriate signal that the lawful parking period has expired.

Section 7. When any vehicle shall be parked in any space adjoining a parking meter, the operator of said vehicle shall, upon entering the said parking space, immediately deposit a coin or coins of the United States in the parking meter along side of or next to the said parking space and the said parking space may then be used by such vehicle during the parking period purchased by the coin deposited in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle or for any person in whose name a vehicle is registered to cause, allow, permit or suffer any such vehicle to be parked over time in any space in the said parking meter zone.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in a parking meter a coin or coins for the purpose of extending the parking time beyond maximum limit specified in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 10. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to permit a vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space along side of or next to which any parking meter is placed while said meter is displaying a signal showing that such vehicle shall have been already parked beyond the time for which a coin has been deposited.

Section 11. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substance, or any other substitute for a coin of the United States.

Section 12. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to deface, injure, tamper with, open or wilfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter.

Section 13. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to park any vehicle across any line or marking designating a parking space.

Section 14. The coins required to be deposited as provided herein are hereby levied as police regulation and inspection fees to cover the cost of inspection and regulation involved in the inspection, installation, operation, control and use of the parking spaces and parking meters described herein and involved in regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby.

Section 15. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance and any person who shall aid, abet or assist in the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 16. If any section or provision or part thereof in this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or of any section, provision or part thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 17. This ordinance shall become effective on the day after its publication in the Alexandria Gazette.

Approved this 25th day of June, 1940.

RICHARD L. RUFFNER,
Mayor