

## ORDINANCE NO. 322

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the collection and removal of garbage, ashes and trash in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

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

Section 1. For the purposes of this ordinance garbage, ashes and trash shall include only the following materials:

GARBAGE will be held to mean the refuse of animal and vegetable foodstuffs, except oysters and clam shells from business places.

ASHES will be held to mean ashes from coal and other fuels.

TRASH will be held to mean all rubbish and refuse (other than garbage and ashes) incident to the ordinary conduct of the household, including discarded floral decorations and small branches from shrubs and vines; provided any branches or shrub and vine trimmings are not more than four feet in length and placed in containers or bundled as hereinafter provided. It does not include loam, wall paper, roofing material and other substances that may accumulate as the result of repairs to yards and dwellings or as the result of building operations.

Section 2. Garbage will be removed from residences, restaurants and hotels, and ashes and trash will be removed from residences and churches by the City of Alexandria under the direction of the City Manager, and collections will be made at such intervals as in the judgment of the City Manager may be necessary and the funds available for the purpose will permit. Ashes and trash will be removed from retail commercial establishments once each week.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the owners or occupants of the premises, before the service provided for in Section 2 of this ordinance will be furnished by the City, to provide the following receptacles:

For garbage, a metal, water tight container, with a tight fitting cover with a handle, of not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) gallons capacity.

For ashes, a metal container, provided with a cover, of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-four (24) gallons capacity. More than one receptacle of less than twenty (20) gallons capacity is not permitted. Ashes must be kept dry.

For trash, a metal container with a cover of not over twenty-four gallons capacity or such other tight containers which can be readily handled by one man provided same be approved by the Superintendent of the Sanitation Department. Pasteboard boxes, baskets or crates will not be permitted.

Paper or other light material liable to be blown about may be bundled, tied, sacked or otherwise properly secured.

Section 4. Receptacles containing garbage, ashes or trash shall not be placed or left for collection upon any sidewalk, street, avenue, alley or public place, but same shall be made easily accessible to the collectors on collection days between the hours of 7:30 a. m. and 6 p. m. The terms easily accessible shall be held to mean the placing of receptacles on the premises at the rear or side gate of said premises (if collections are made through the rear or side entrance and in the areaway or other conven-

ient place at the front entrance to said premises) if collections are made through the front entrance, but in no event more than fifty (50) feet from the entrance used to make such collection, and the unfastening of the gate, door or other approach to the premises upon warning from the collectors horn or other signal.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful to place or cause to be placed together in the same receptacles two or more of the classes of materials mentioned in Section 1 of this ordinance, and where such mixture results it shall be separated by the occupant of the premises.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premises to allow or permit an undue amount of waste material to accumulate on said premises by failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance so that same may be removed by the City.

Section 7. Any violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Two Dollars (\$2.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) except that for any second or subsequent offense the fine shall be not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

Section 8. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of Aug., 1940.

Approved this 25th day of June, 1940.

RICHARD L. RUFFNER,  
Mayor