

Ordinance No. 1030

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain a sub-paragraph of Section 4-10, Section 4-11, and sub-paragraph (a) of Section 4-18 and to add a new Section numbered 4-10.1; all of Article III, Chapter 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which sub-paragraph of Section 4-10 relates to DEFINITION OF RUN AT LARGE, which Section 4-11 relates to IMPOUNDING DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE, WHETHER LICENSED OR UNLICENSED; REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS; DISPOSITION OF UNREDEEMED DOGS, which sub-paragraph (a) of Section 4-18 relates to POWERS OF OPERATORS OF ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL SHELTER GENERALLY, which new Section numbered 4-10.1 relates to RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED, which Article III relates to DOGS and which Chapter 4 relates to ANIMALS AND FOWL.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That a sub-paragraph of Section 4-10, Article III, Chapter 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 4-10 DEFINITIONS

RUN AT LARGE. Roaming, running, or self-hunting off the property of its owner and not under its owner's immediate control.

Section 2. That Article III, Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new Section numbered 4-10.1 to read as follows:

SEC. 4-10.1 RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED

No dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall run at large within the City of Alexandria, Virginia, at any time.

Section 3. That Section 4-11, Article III, Chapter 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 4-11 IMPOUNDING OF DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE, WHETHER LICENSED OR UNLICENSED; REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS; DISPOSITION OF UNREDEEMED DOGS.

Any dog observed by the operators or agents of the Alexandria Animal Shelter running at large, whether with or without the license tag required by Section 29-191 of The Code of Virginia, shall be impounded and kept at the said Shelter. If such dog has upon it the name or address of the owner, or such name or address is otherwise known, then the operators of the said Shelter shall notify the owner within twenty-four (24) hours after seizure of such dog. If such dog has upon it a State license tag then the operators of said Shelter shall notify the person in whose name the said license stands within twenty-four (24) hours after obtaining such name. Notice of the impounding shall be in writing, by mail, postage pre-paid, and shall be construed as having been given at the time of posting thereof. If

the dog impounded has no name, address, or State license tag upon it and the owner is not otherwise known, then no notice shall be necessary.

The owner of any dog so impounded shall be entitled to possession of such animal upon proof of ownership satisfactory to the operators of the said Shelter and the payment of the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00) for the first twenty-four (24) hour period or any part thereof the dog is held and One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) for each twenty-four (24) hour period or any part thereof that the dog is held thereafter, provided, however, that before release to any person:

(a) If the dog has not been inoculated against rabies, the provisions of Section 4-14 of this Article relative to inoculation shall be complied with.

(b) If the dog is not licensed, a license as required by Section 29-191 of The Code of the State of Virginia, shall be secured.

(c) All the other applicable Sections of this Article shall be complied with.

Any dog which has been impounded and has not been redeemed by the owner may be destroyed or redeemed by and released to any person desiring to give such dog a home upon the payment of the redemption charge and upon compliance with the applicable provisions of this Article, provided that any such dog shall be held for at least five (5) days after impounding and in those cases where it is required that notice be given the owner, held for a least five (5) days after the required notice has been given.

The sums collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be accounted for and promptly paid over to the City Collector for deposit in the general fund of the City.

Section 4. That sub-paragraph (a) of Section 4-18, Article III, Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 4-18 POWERS OF OPERATORS OF ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL SHELTER GENERALLY

(a) To seize and impound dogs observed running at large, whether licensed or unlicensed.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five (5) days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

LEROY S. BENDHEIM
Mayor

Final Passage: June 23, 1959