

Ordinance No. 1183

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 15A-23 and Section 15A-24 of Chapter 15A of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended; which Chapter 15A relates to HOUSING STANDARDS, which Section 15A-23 relates to CREATION; COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS; AND FILLING VACANCIES OF THE BOARD OF HOUSING HYGIENE, and which Section 15A-24 relates to ORGANIZATION; CONDUCT OF MEETINGS; AND PROMULGATION OF RULES BY BOARD OF HOUSING HYGIENE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 15A-23 of Chapter 15A 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. 15A-23. Board of housing hygiene—Creation; composition; appointment, terms and compensation of members; filling vacancies.

There is hereby created and established the board of housing hygiene herein sometimes referred to as the "board," which shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall reside in and be qualified voters of the city, and shall hold no office or position in the city government with pay or compensation. The members shall be appointed by the City Council for terms of three years each. The present five members may serve the balance of their terms and the Council shall forthwith appoint two new members in order to constitute a seven member board. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired portion of a term. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive such reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred in the interest of the city as the Council may from time to time allow.

Section 2. That Section 15A-24 of Chapter 15A 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. 15A-24. Same—Organization; conduct of meetings; promulgation of rules.

The board shall elect its chairman from its membership. All members of the board shall be entitled to vote and its decisions shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. A quorum of four members present is required before the board may take any official action, and a quorum of five members present is required before the board may order the director to tear down or destroy a dwelling, dwelling unit or habitable room. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public and a full and impartial hearing shall be granted on all appeals. Insofar as reasonably possible, all hearings shall be informal and free from technical rules of law and evidence. When voting on any question, the determination may be made by secret ballot, but no proxy shall be allowed at any time. The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings and all findings, decisions and orders shall be reduced to writing and entered as a matter of public record in the office of the director. In matters concerning the procedure for meetings not covered by this chapter, the board may establish its own rules; provided, that they are not contrary to the spirit of this chapter.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city not later than five 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.

Final Passage: Sept. 26, 1962

FRANK E. MANN, Mayor