

# Ordinance No. 1234

**AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the last paragraph of Section 19-8, Article I; to amend and reordain Section 19-19, Article I; to amend and reordain the second paragraph of Section 19-58, Division 1, Article III; to amend and reordain the second paragraph of Section 19-59, Division 1, Article III; to amend and reordain Subsection (5) of Section 19-63, Division 2, Article III; to amend and reordain the first paragraph of Section 19-64, Division 2, Article III; to amend and reordain Section 19-65, Division 2, Article III; to amend and reordain Subsection (1) of Section 19-68, Division 3, Article III; to amend and reordain Section 19-87, Division 3, Article III; to amend and reordain Section 19-90, Division 4, Article III; to amend and reordain Section 19-151, Article VI; to amend and reordain Section 19-170, Article VII; to amend and reordain Section 19-172, Article VII; to amend and reordain Section 19-186, Article VIII; to amend and reordain Section 19-191, Article VIII; to amend Article VIII by adding thereto a new section numbered 19-194.1; to amend and reordain Section 19-196, Article VIII; to amend and reordain Section 19-201, Article VIII; to amend and reordain Section 19-204, Article VIII; to amend and reordain Section 19-210, Article IX; to amend and reordain Section 19-211, Article IX; to amend and reordain Section 19-213, Article IX; to amend and reordain Section 19-214, Article IX; to amend and reordain paragraph (d), Section 19-217, Article IX; to amend and reordain Section 19-221, Article IX; to amend Article IX by adding thereto a new section numbered 19-223; all above of Chapter 19 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended; which said Section 19-8 relates to DUTY OF DRIVER TO STOP, RENDER AID, GIVE INFORMATION, ETC. IN EVENT OF ACCIDENT; DUTY OF WITNESS, ETC.; which said Section 19-19 relates to PENALTIES; which said Article I relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, IN GENERAL; which said Section 19-58 relates to DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED; which said Section 19-59 relates to DRIVING BEFORE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED LICENSE HAS BEEN REINSTATED OR NEW LICENSE ISSUED; which said Division 1 relates to OPERATION OF VEHICLES, IN GENERAL; which said Section 19-63 relates to RECKLESS DRIVING, SPECIFIC INSTANCES; which said Subparagraph (5) thereof relates to STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUSES; which said Section 19-64 relates to RECKLESS DRIVING, PENALTY; which said Section 19-65 relates to SPEED LIMITS AND RELATED REGULATIONS; which said Division 2 relates to RECKLESS DRIVING, SPEEDING, ETC.; which said Section 19-68 relates to SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE ON STREETS LANED FOR TRAFFIC; which said Subparagraph (1) thereof relates to SLOW DRIVING; which said Section 19-87 relates to APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES; which said Division 3 relates to RULES OF THE ROAD; which said Section 19-90 relates to PENALTY, SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE; which said Division 4 relates to DRIVING AUTOMOBILE, ENGINE ETC., WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS OR NARCOTICS; which said Article III relates to OPERATION OF VEHICLES; which said Section 19-151 relates to RIGHT OF WAY OF PEDESTRIANS; which said Article VI relates to PROTECTION OF PEDESTRIANS; which said Section 19-170 relates to DIMENSION OR MARKER LIGHTS; which said Section 19-172**

relates to **OTHER PERMISSIBLE LIGHTS**; which said Article VII relates to **LIGHTING EQUIPMENT**; which said Section 19-186 relate. to **BRAKES, TRAILERS**; which said Section 19-191 relates to **WARNING DEVICES, POLICE, FIRE AND AMBULANCE SIRENS**; which said new Section 19-194.1 relates to **SUSPENSION OF OBJECTS SO AS TO OBTRUCT VIEW OF DRIVER**; which said Section 19-196 relates to **WHEN SAFETY GLASS REQUIRED**; which Section 19-201 relates to **WHEN SIGNAL DEVICE REQUIRED**; which said Section 19-204 relates to **MUFFLERS, EXHAUST PIPES GENERALLY**; which said Article VIII relates to **BRAKES, HORNS AND OTHER MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT**; which said Section 19-210 relates to **HEIGHT**; which said Section 19-211 relates to **LENGTH**; which said Section 19-213 relates to **EXTENSION OF LOADS BEYOND SIDES**; which said Section 19-214 relates to **TRAILERS AND TOWED VEHICLES**; which said Section 19-217 relates to **WEIGHT OF VEHICLES AND LOADS**; which said paragraph (d) thereof relates to **AXLE LOADS**; which said Section 19-221 relates to **PERMITS FOR EXCESSIVE SIZE AND WEIGHT**; which said new Section 19-223 relates to **SIZE LIMITATIONS INAPPLICABLE TO FARM MACHINERY AND FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT**; which said Article IX relates to **MAXIMUM SIZE AND WEIGHT; COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES**; and which said Chapter 19 relates to **MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the last paragraph of Section 19-8, Article I, Chapter 19 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:

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall, if such accident results in injury to, or the death of any person, be punished: (1) By confinement in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, (2) by a fine of not less than fifty dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or (3) by both such confinement in jail and such fine. If the accident results only in damage to property, the person so convicted shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished in accordance with Section 19-19, provided, however, if the vehicle struck is unattended and such damage be less than twenty-five dollars, such person shall be punished only by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Section 2. That Section 19-19, Article I, Chapter 19 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. 19-19. Penalties.**

Every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, for which no other penalty is provided, shall, for a first conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for not less than one nor more than ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a conviction for a second such violation within one year

such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for not less than one nor more than twenty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a conviction of a third or subsequent violation within one year such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for not less than ten days nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any violation of any effective regulation of the traffic board or superintendent of police shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each separate offense.

Section 3. That the second paragraph of Section 19-58, Division 1, Article III, Chapter 19 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:

Any person violating this section shall for the first offense be confined in jail not less than ten days nor more than six months, and may in addition be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars; and for the second or any subsequent offense be confined in jail not less than two months nor more than six months; and may in addition be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

Section 4. That the second paragraph of Section 19-59, Division 1, Article III, Chapter 19 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:

Any person violating this section shall upon conviction of the first violation thereof be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than six months or be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or be punished by both such fine and imprisonment. For the second or any subsequent violation of this section, the offender shall be confined in jail not less than one month nor more than six months, or be fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or be punished by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. That Subsection (5) of Section 19-63, Division 2, Article III, Chapter 19 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:

(5) Fail to stop at a school bus whether publicly or privately owned and whether transporting children to, from or in connection with a public or private school, stopped on the highway for the purpose of taking on or discharging school children, when approaching the same from any direction and to remain stopped until all school children are clear of the highway and the bus is put in motion; provided, however, that this shall apply only to school buses marked or identified as provided in the regulations of the State Board of Education.

Section 6. That the first paragraph of Section 19-64, Division 2, Article III, Chapter 19 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. 19-64. Same—Penalty.**

Every person convicted of reckless driving under Sections 19-62, 19-63 or 19-63.1 of this chapter shall for the first violation be punished as provided in Section 11-1 of this Code. For each second or subsequent conviction for the offense of reckless driving under Sections 19-62, 19-63 or 19-63.1 committed within twelve months before or after the date of another act of reckless driving for which he has been convicted, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for not less than ten days nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 7. That Section 19-65, Division 2, Article III, Chapter 19 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. 19-65. Speed limits and related regulations.**

The maximum and minimum speed limits on streets and highways of this city shall be as hereinafter prescribed:

**1. Maximum limits.**

(a) Sixty-five miles per hour on the Interstate System of Highways or other limited access highways with divided roadways, if the vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle, passenger bus, United States Post Office bus, pick-up or panel truck not exceeding an actual gross weight of five thousand pounds, or a motorcycle; and fifty miles per hour on such highways if the vehicle is a truck, road tractor, tractor-truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer.

(b) Sixty miles per hour on non-limited access highways having four or more lanes, with the roadway for traffic traveling in one direction separated from the roadway for traffic traveling in the other direction by a physical barrier or an unpaved area, if the vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle, passenger bus, United States Post Office bus, pick-up or panel truck not exceeding an actual gross weight of five thousand pounds, or a motorcycle; and fifty miles per hour on such highways if the vehicle is a truck, road tractor, tractor-truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer, provided that for such highways such speed has been prescribed by the State Highway Commission, or other authority having jurisdiction over highways, after an engineering and traffic investigation. On any highway where such speed is prescribed, the speed shall be plainly indicated upon the highway by signs; and where the speed limit is indicated by posted signs, there shall be a prima facie presumption that such engineering and traffic investigation was made.

(c) Fifty-five miles per hour on highways not included in (a) or (b) if the vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle, passenger bus, United States Post Office bus, pick-up or panel truck not exceeding an actual

gross weight of five thousand pounds, or a motorcycle; and forty-five miles per hour on such highways if the vehicle is a truck, road tractor, tractor-truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer.

(d) Thirty-five miles per hour on any highway if the vehicle is being used as a school bus carrying children.

(e) Forty-five miles per hour on any highway if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is operating under a special permit issued by the State Highway Commission in accordance with Sections 46.1-330 and 46.1-343 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The State Highway Commission may, however, prescribe a speed limit of less than forty-five miles per hour on any permit issued in accordance with Sections 46.1-330 and 46.1-343 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

(f) Fifteen miles an hour between fixed blinking signs placed in the highway bearing the word "School," which word shall indicate that school children are present in the immediate vicinity. When authorized, such signs shall be placed in the vicinity of schools, not more than three hundred feet from the limits of the school property, in a position plainly visible to vehicular traffic and the speed limit shall also be conspicuously posted thereon.

(g) Twenty-five miles per hour in a business or residential district, except upon interstate or other limited access highways with divided roadways.

(h) Thirty-five miles per hour on highways in the city, except upon interstate or other limited access highways with divided roadways.

## 2. Minimum speed limits.

(a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

(b) Whenever the traffic and parking board determines on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on any part of a highway consistently impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the traffic and parking board may determine and declare a minimum speed limit to be set forth on signs posted on such highway, below which no person shall drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law, provided that such minimum speed limit shall not apply to a school bus carrying children.

## 3. Special speed limits on certain streets.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions and the provisions of Article II of Chapter 19, the traffic and parking board may decrease the speed limits set forth in subsections 1 (a) through 1 (c) of this section, and may increase or decrease the speed limits set forth in subsections 1 (g) and 1 (h) of this section on any street in the City. Such increased or decreased speed limits shall be effective only when based on an engineering and traffic investigation and prescribed after

such investigation, and when clearly indicated upon the highway by markers or signs.

The director of traffic is authorized and directed to cause signs and markers to be erected on the City streets to clearly indicate any minimum or special speed limits adopted by the traffic and parking board.

Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with the provisions of section 19-19 of this chapter.

Section 8. That subsection (1) of Section 19-68, Division 3, Article III, Chapter 19 of The Code of the Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

**Sec. 19-68. Special regulations applicable on streets laned for traffic.**

(1) Any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions existing shall be driven in the lane nearest the right hand edge or curb of the street when such lane is available for travel, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn or as permitted in paragraph 4 of this section.

Section 9. That Section 19-87, Division 3, Article III, Chapter 19 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. 19-87. Approach of authorized emergency vehicles; rescue vehicles or ambulances.**

Upon the approach of any police vehicle, fire department vehicle, vehicle owned by a member of a volunteer fire company, rescue vehicle or ambulance, giving audible signal by siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer, until the police or fire department vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a member of a volunteer fire company, rescue vehicle or ambulance shall have passed. This provision shall not operate to relieve the driver of a police or fire department vehicle, or vehicle owned or operated by a member of a volunteer fire company, rescue vehicle or ambulance from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street, nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of such right of way.

As used in this section, the term "rescue vehicle" is defined as any vehicle designed or utilized for the principal purposes of supplying resuscitation or other emergency relief where human life is endangered.

Section 10. That Section 19-90, Division 4, Article III, Chapter 19 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. 19-90. Penalty; subsequent offense.**

Any person violating any provision of the preceding section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than two

hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or by confinement in jail for not less than one month nor more than six months, either or both in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury. Any person convicted within any period of ten years of a second or other subsequent offense shall be punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars and by confinement in jail for not less than one month nor more than one year.

For the purposes of this section a conviction or finding of not innocent in the case of a juvenile or under the ordinance of any county, city or town in this state or the laws of any other state substantially similar to the provisions of Section 19-89 of this Code, shall be considered a prior conviction.

Section 11. That Section 19-151, Article VI, Chapter 19 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. 19-151. Right of way of pedestrian.**

(a) The driver of any vehicle upon a street within a business or residence district shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing such street within any clearly marked crosswalk or any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block, except at intersections where the movement of traffic is being regulated by traffic officers or traffic direction devices.

(b) No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.

(c) The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down or come to a complete stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.

(d) Pedestrians crossing streets at intersections shall at all times have the right of way over vehicles making turns into the streets being crossed by the pedestrians.

(e) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in 19-1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, as used in this section, "business district" means the territory contiguous to a street where fifty per centum or more of the total frontage, on either side of the street for a distance of one hundred and fifty feet or more, is used for business purposes.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in 19-1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, as used in this section, "residence district" means the territory contiguous to a street not comprising a business district where fifty per centum or more of the total frontage, on either side of the street for a distance of one hundred and fifty feet or more, is used for residential purposes.

Section 12. That Section 19-170, Article VII, Chapter 19 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. 19-170. Dimension or marker lights.**

(a) All motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers exceeding seven feet in height or width or the widest portion of which extends four inches beyond the front fender extremes shall be equipped with lamps mounted at the extreme right and left hand front top corners of such vehicle, each of which lamps shall be capable of projecting an amber light visible in clear weather for a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle and shall be equipped with lamps mounted at the extreme right and left hand rear top corners of such vehicle, each of which lights shall be capable of projecting a red light visible in clear weather for a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle. If the front or the rear of such vehicle shall not be the widest portion of such vehicle, the dimension or marker lights required in this section shall be mounted on the widest portions of the vehicle with the amber lights herein required visible from the front as herein required and the red lights herein required visible from the rear as herein required. The lamps herein required shall be of a type that has been approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police.

(b) In addition to the lamps required herein, each such vehicle shall be equipped with amber reflectors located on the side thereof, at or near the front. Red reflectors shall be used on the rear of each such vehicle. Such reflectors shall be securely fastened to the vehicle not less than twenty-four inches and not more than sixty inches from the ground, provided that in the case of a vehicle which is less than twenty-four inches in height, such reflector shall be securely fastened thereto at the highest point the structure of the vehicle will permit. The reflectors required herein shall be of a type that have been approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police.

(c) If any vehicle is so constructed as to make compliance with the requirements of this section impractical, the lamps and reflectors required herein shall be placed on the vehicle in accordance with the Superintendent's regulations; however, the requirement of reflectors shall not apply to school buses unless used during the time that lights are required under other sections of the Code.

Section 13. That Section 19-172, Article VII, Chapter 19 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. 19-172. Other permissible lights.**

Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed two fog lamps, one passing lamp, one driving lamp, two side lamps of not more than six candle power; interior light of not more than fifteen candle power; vacant or destination signs on vehicles operated as public carriers, and signal lamps.

Any police vehicle, fire department vehicle, school bus, vehicle owned or operated by a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance, any rescue vehicle, whether publicly or privately owned, used for emergency calls, and any vehicle used for the principal purpose of towing disabled vehicles or in constructing, maintaining and repairing public streets or utilities on or along public streets, may be equipped

with flashing, blinking or alternating warning lights of a type approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police. The Superintendent may limit the number of vehicles to be equipped with such warning lights owned by any one department, association or person.

No motor vehicle shall be operated on any street which is equipped with any lighting device other than lamps required or permitted in this section or required or permitted by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police.

Section 14. That Section 19-186, Article VIII, Chapter 19 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. 19-186. Same—Trailers.**

(a) Every semi-trailer or trailer or separate vehicle attached by a drawbar, chain or coupling to a towing vehicle and having an actual gross weight of three thousand pounds or more, shall be equipped with brakes controlled or operated by the driver of the towing vehicle which shall conform to the specifications set forth in the preceding section and shall be of a type approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police.

(b) "Gross weight" for the purpose of this section includes the load upon such semi-trailer, trailer or separate vehicle.

(c) This section shall not apply to any vehicle being towed for repairs, or in a bona fide emergency.

Section 15. That Section 19-191, Article VIII, Chapter 19 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. 19-191. Same—Police, fire and ambulance sirens.**

Every police vehicle and fire department vehicle and every ambulance or rescue vehicle used for emergency calls shall be equipped with a siren or exhaust whistle of a type not prohibited by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police. The Superintendent, upon application of the chief of any volunteer fire company, shall authorize the issuance of permits to not more than three officers of such volunteer fire company, designated by the chief in such application, to equip their respective privately owned motor vehicles with a siren of a type not prohibited by the Superintendent, for use in emergency calls of the fire company only; provided that no person shall so equip more than one such motor vehicle.

It shall be unlawful for any member of a volunteer fire company to install any such siren without first obtaining a permit or to use the siren for any other purpose than answering a fire call of his company. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 16. That Article VIII, Chapter 19 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 19-194.1 to read as follows:

**Sec. 19-194.1. Suspension of objects so as to obstruct view of driver.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle upon a street in this city with any object or objects, other than a rear

view mirror, sun visor, or other equipment of the motor vehicle approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police, suspended from any part of such motor vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the driver's clear view of the street through the windshield, the front side windows or the rear window.

Section 17. That Section 19-196, Article VIII, Chapter 19 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. 19-196. When safety glass required.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate on any street a motor vehicle registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after January first, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, and designed or used for the purpose of carrying persons for compensation or hire or as a public conveyance to transport school children and others, unless such vehicle be equipped with safety glass wherever glass is used in doors, windows, windshields and sideshields.

(b) It shall be unlawful to operate on any highway any motor vehicle registered in this state, manufactured or assembled after January first, nineteen hundred and thirty-six, unless such vehicle be equipped with safety glass approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police, or meets the standards and specifications of the American Standards Association whenever glass is used in doors, windows, windshields and sideshields.

(c) The term "safety glass" as used in this section shall be construed to mean any product composed of glass so manufactured, fabricated or treated as substantially to prevent shattering and flying of the glass when struck or broken. The Commissioner shall maintain a list of types of glass approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police as conforming to the specifications and requirements for safety glass as set forth in this section and shall not issue a license for or relicense any motor vehicle subject to the provisions herein stated, unless such motor vehicle be equipped as herein provided with such approved type of glass.

(d) No glazing material other than safety glass shall be used in any motor vehicle registered in this state, except that the Superintendent of the Department of State Police may permit safety glazing materials other than glass to be used in lieu of safety glass in portions of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers designated by him; provided any such material so used bears a trade name or identifying mark, and has been submitted to and approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police for such use prior to being used in any such motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer.

(e) If any person shall operate any vehicle in violation of the provisions of this section, he shall be punished as provided in Section 19-19 of this chapter; if such person shall operate such vehicle under a certificate issued by the State Corporation Commission, in addition to the penalty provided in Section 19-19 of this chapter, the certificate of such person may in the discretion of the State Corporation Commission be suspended until the provisions of this section are satisfactorily complied with.

(f) Replacement safety glass installed in any part of a vehicle other than the windshield need not bear a trademark or name, provided the glass consists of two or more sheets of glass separated by a glazing material, and provided the glass is cut from a piece of approved safety glass, and provided the edge of the glass can be observed.

Section 18. That Section 19-201, Article VIII, Chapter 19 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. 19-201. When signal device required.**

(a) Any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer which is so constructed or carries a load in such a manner as to prevent a hand and arm signal, required in Section 19-80 of this chapter, from being visible both to the front and rear of such motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer or any vehicle the driver of which is incapable of giving the required hand and arm signals, shall be equipped with a mechanical or electrical signal device of a type that has been approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate on any street a motor vehicle registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, unless such vehicle be equipped with such a mechanical or electrical signal device on both front and rear.

(c) Any such mechanical or electrical signal device may be used in lieu of the hand and arm signal required by 19-80 of this chapter.

(d) The first two paragraphs of this section shall not apply to any motorcycle.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers used for agricultural or horticultural purposes which are exempted from annual registration.

Section 19. That Section 19-204, Article VIII, Chapter 19 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. 19-204. Mufflers; exhaust pipes generally.**

(a) No person shall drive and no owner of a motor vehicle shall permit or allow the operation of any owned vehicle upon a highway unless such motor vehicle is equipped with an exhaust system of a type installed as standard factory equipment, or comparable to that designed for use upon the particular vehicle as standard factory equipment, in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, annoying smoke and escape of excessive gas, steam or oil. An exhaust system shall not be deemed to prevent excessive or unusual noise if it permits or allows the escape of noise in excess of that permitted by the standard factory equipment exhaust system of private passenger motor vehicles or trucks of standard make.

(b) The term "exhaust system," as used in this section, means all the parts of a motor vehicle through which the exhaust passes after leaving the engine block.

Section 20. That Section 19-210, Article IX, Chapter 19 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. 19-210. Height.**

(a) No vehicle unladen or with load shall exceed a height of thirteen feet, six inches.

(b) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require either the public authorities or railroad companies to provide vertical clearances of overhead bridges or structures in excess of twelve feet, six inches, or to make any changes in the vertical clearances of existing overhead bridges or structures crossing streets. The operator or owner of vehicles operating on streets shall be held financially responsible for any damage to overhead bridges or structures that results from collisions therewith.

(c) The operator or owner of any vehicle colliding with an overhead bridge or structure shall notify immediately, either in person or by telephone, the public authority, or railroad company, owning or maintaining such overhead bridge or structure, or a police officer, of the fact of such collision, and his name, address, operator's or chauffeur's license number, and the registration number of his vehicle. Failure to give such notice immediately, either in person or by telephone, shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(d) On any highway on which there is an overhead bridge or structure having a vertical clearance of less than thirteen feet six inches, the Commissioner of the Department of Highways shall cause to be erected no less than two signs setting forth the height of the bridge or structure, such signs to be located at least fifteen hundred feet ahead of said bridge or structure.

Section 21. That Section 19-211, Article IX, Chapter 19 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. 19-211. Length.**

Except for passenger buses, no motor vehicle exceeding a length of thirty-five feet shall be operated upon a street of this city. No passenger bus exceeding a length of forty feet shall be operated upon a street of this city. The actual length of any combination of vehicles coupled together including any load thereon shall not exceed a total of fifty feet, and no tolerance shall be allowed thereon; provided, however, that the State Highway Commission in cases of emergency may issue a special permit for combinations in excess of fifty feet, including any load thereon, where the object or objects to be carried cannot be moved otherwise.

Section 22. That Section 19-213, Article IX, Chapter 19 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. 19-213. Extension of loads beyond sides.**

No vehicle shall carry any load extending more than six inches beyond the line of the fender or body, provided such load shall not exceed a total outside width of one hundred and two inches.

Section 23. That Section 19-214, Article IX, Chapter 19 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. 19-214. Trailers and towed vehicles.**

No motor vehicle shall be driven upon a street drawing or having attached thereto more than one motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, but this limitation shall not apply between sunrise and sunset to such farm trailers or semi-trailers being moved from one farm to another farm owned or operated by the same person within a radius of ten miles.

Section 24. That paragraph (d), Section 19-217, Article IX, Chapter 19 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. 19-217. Weight of vehicles and loads.**

(d) No group of axles shall carry a weight in pounds in excess of the value given in the following table corresponding to the distance in feet between the extreme axles of the group, measured longitudinally to the nearest foot nor shall any motor vehicle, or combination, exceed a gross weight of seventy thousand pounds:

<b>Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of axles</b>	<b>Maximum weight in pounds on any group of axles</b>
4 -----	32,000
5 -----	32,000
6 -----	32,000
7 -----	32,000
8 -----	33,500
9 -----	35,000
10 -----	36,500
11 -----	38,000
12 -----	39,500
13 -----	41,000
14 -----	42,000
15 -----	43,000
16 -----	44,000
17 -----	45,000
18 -----	46,000
19 -----	47,000
20 -----	48,000
21 -----	49,000
22 -----	50,000
23 -----	51,000
24 -----	52,000
25 -----	53,000
26 -----	54,000
27 -----	55,000
28 -----	56,000
29 -----	57,000
30 -----	58,000
31 -----	59,000
32 -----	60,000

33	-----	61,400
34	-----	62,800
35	-----	64,000
36	-----	65,000
37	-----	65,800
38	-----	66,600
39	-----	67,400
40	-----	68,200
41	-----	69,000
42	-----	70,000

Section 25. That Section 19-221, Article IX, Chapter 19 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. 19-221. Permits for excessive size and weight; concrete mixers; certain coal-hauling vehicles.**

(a) The Director of Traffic may, in his discretion, upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle upon the street of a size and weight exceeding the maximum specified by law. Every such permit may designate the route to be traversed and contain any other restrictions or conditions deemed necessary to him.

(b) Provided, however, the Director of Traffic, upon application in writing made by the owner or operator of three axle trucks hauling road construction materials and having a gross weight not exceeding forty-three thousand and nine hundred pounds, a single axle weight not exceeding eighteen thousand pounds and a tandem axle weight not exceeding thirty-two thousand pounds, shall issue to such owner or operator, without cost, a permit in writing authorizing the operation of such vehicles upon the streets. No such permit shall designate the route to be traversed nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles in their general use of the streets. Provided, however, the Director of Traffic, upon application in writing made by the owner or operator of three axle vehicles used exclusively for the mixing of concrete in transit and having a gross weight not exceeding fifty thousand pounds, a single axle weight not exceeding eighteen thousand pounds, and a tandem axle weight not exceeding thirty-six thousand pounds, shall issue to such owner or operator, without cost, a permit in writing authorizing the operation of such vehicles upon the streets. No such permit shall designate the route to be traversed nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles of this weight in their general use of the streets. No permit issued under this section providing for a tandem axle weight in excess of thirty-two thousand pounds shall be issued to include travel on the Federal Interstate System of Highways.

(c) Provided further, the Director of Traffic, upon application in writing, made by the owner or operator of vehicles used exclusively for the hauling of coal from a mine or other place of production to a preparation plant, loading dock or railroad shall issue to such owner or operator, without cost, a permit in writing authorizing the operation of three axle vehicles having a gross weight not exceeding fifty thousand pounds, a single axle weight not exceed-

ing twenty-four thousand pounds and a tandem axle weight not exceeding forty thousand pounds, and shall issue such permit for two axle vehicles having a gross weight not exceeding thirty-six thousand pounds and a single axle weight not exceeding twenty-four thousand pounds; provided, however, that no such permit shall be valid for the operation of any such vehicle for a distance of more than twenty-five miles from such preparation plant, loading dock or railroad. However, no permit issued under this section providing for a single axle weight in excess of eighteen thousand pounds or a tandem axle weight in excess of thirty-two thousand pounds shall be issued to include travel on the Federal Interstate System of Highways.

(d) Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any officer, and any person who violates any of the terms or conditions of such special permit shall be punished in accordance with section 19-19 of this chapter.

Section 26. That Article IX, Chapter 19 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 19-223 to read as follows:

**Sec. 19-223. Size limitations inapplicable to farm machinery and fire-fighting equipment.**

The limitations upon size of vehicle prescribed in Section 19-209 through 19-222 shall not apply to farm machinery other than farm tractors when such farm machinery is temporarily propelled, hauled, transported or moved upon the street by a farm machinery distributor or dealer or by a farmer in the ordinary course of business, nor to fire-fighting equipment of any county, city, town or fire-fighting company or association.

Section 27. 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.

FRANK E. MANN  
Mayor

Final Passage: September 10, 1963