

# Ordinance No. 1237

**AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article II, Chapter 14 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which Article II relates to WEEDS, and which Chapter 14 relates to GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND WEEDS.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article II, Chapter 14 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:

## ARTICLE II. WEEDS.

### Sec. 14-19. Definition.

The word "weeds" as used in this article shall be held to include grass, weeds, bushes and any other vegetation other than trees, ornamental shrubbery, flowers, and garden vegetables properly tended.

### Sec. 14-20. Owners to cut weeds on vacant property.

The owners of vacant property located within the City of Alexandria, Virginia, shall cut the weeds that are in excess of twelve inches in height on such property.

### Sec. 14-21. Notice to owner.

The Director of the Recreation and Parks Department or his duly authorized agent may give notice in writing to the owner of vacant land in the City upon which there are weeds in excess of twelve inches in height, that such weeds must be cut within ten days from the receipt of the notice or the City will cut the weeds, bill the owner for the costs and collect the costs like taxes in the event of non-payment by the owner. Mailing to the last known post office address shall constitute sufficient service upon owners who cannot be found after a reasonably diligent search, or who are non-residents.

### Sec. 14-22. Cutting, billing and collecting by the City Liens.

Whenever the owner refuses, neglects or fails to cut weeds after being notified in the manner prescribed by section 14-21 above, the weeds shall be cut by the Department of Recreation and Parks. The expense thereof shall be forthwith computed and a bill for such expense shall be prepared by the Department of Finance, and mailed to the owner at his last known post office address within a reasonable time after the cutting.

In the event the City does not receive payment of the bill within thirty days after mailing, a duplicate statement of the bill shall be forwarded to the City Collector who shall see that the expense is charged to the owner and collected in the same manner as City taxes. Every charge with which the owner of any such property shall have been assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property.

Section 2. 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 25, 1963