

# Ordinance No. 1263

**AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Paragraph (1), Section 25-31, Article II, of Chapter 25 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, which said Paragraph (1) relates to INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS, which said Section 25-31 relates to HOUSE DRAINS AND SEWERS, which said Article II relates to PLUMBING SPECIFICATIONS, and which said Chapter 25 relates to PLUMBING AND GAS HEATING.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:**

Section 1. That Paragraph (1), Section 25-31, Article II of Chapter 25 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby be amended and reordained to read as follows:

(1) **INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS.** The drainage and plumbing system of each new building and of new work installed in an existing building shall be separate from and independent of that of any other building, except as provided below, and every building shall have an independent connection with a public or private sewer when available. Where two or more dwellings, stores, shops, establishments, tenements, warehouses, garages or other structures, or two or more of either of them are built upon the same lot or parcel of land, even if under the same roof or a part of a larger structure, each shall be considered as a separate building and shall have a separate sewer and independent connection and shall not drain through the sewer of any other building or premises or under or through any other building.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

(A) Where one building stands in the rear of another building on an interior lot and no public or private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard or driveway, the house drain from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole will be considered as one house drain.

(B) In the case of multi family dwellings under one ownership the word "building" shall be construed to mean a structure under one roof, whether or not divided vertically by solid fire-walls. Any subsequent division, subdivision, or resubdivision of such a building into separate ownerships shall require that the provisions of this section shall apply in full to such divided building; provided further that such compliance must take place within one year of the date of such division.

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 of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, and 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: April 14, 1964