

Ordinance No. 1352

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 18-31 of Chapter 18 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, which said Section 18-31 relates to nuisances, SAME—PROCEDURE BY THE BOARD, and which said Chapter 18 relates to HOUSING STANDARDS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 18-31, Chapter 18 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 18-31. Same—Procedure by the board—Additional notice in Old and Historic Alexandria District.

The board of housing hygiene shall at once attempt to notify the person responsible that there will be a meeting of the board at a specified time, date and place, which shall be not less than ten nor more than fifteen days after its attempt to notify such person, to consider action on the emergency. At such meeting any person affected shall be given an opportunity to be heard, but whether or not any such person shall appear to be heard, the board shall conduct a hearing, consider factors relevant to the emergency and decide that there is or is not such immediate danger. If the board finds that because of any reason set forth in section 18-29 of this Code it reasonably appears there is immediate danger to the life, health or safety of any person unless a dwelling, dwelling unit or habitable room is immediately repaired or demolished, it shall order the director to either repair such dwelling, unit or room or tear down and destroy such dwelling, unit or room, if it appears to the board that it is in such condition as not to warrant the expenditure thereon of a sufficient sum of money to make such repairs that will put the same in a safe and sanitary condition. A finding that there does not reasonably appear to be such immediate danger to the life, health or safety of any person shall not preclude the director from proceeding pursuant to sections 18-20 to 18-22 and 18-27 of this Code.

Provided, however, that before a building which existed in 1846 or prior thereto within the boundaries of the Old and Historic Alexandria District, as those boundaries are defined in section 42-85, can be ordered to be razed by the board under this section, the director of public health of the city shall have first mailed to the subscribers provided for in section 42-98, not less than ten days prior to the meeting, a notice of the meeting of the board to be held pursuant to this section.

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: Oct. 12, 1965