

Ordinance No. 1378

AN ORDINANCE amending The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new chapter numbered 29-A; which Chapter 29-A relates to ESTABLISHING HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN AS A SISTER-CITY AND A CITY COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Committee on International Municipal Cooperation of the National League of Cities has urged the establishment of organizations to further the mutual understanding between citizens of free countries and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Sister-City Program and People-to-People Program are part of the program of the President of the United States to aid in the development of mutual understanding and cooperation between cities of free countries and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Alexandria, Virginia and Helsingborg, Sweden have decided to become sister-cities in order to promote and cultivate mutual understanding and cultural and educational exchanges; therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new chapter numbered 29-A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 29-A. SISTER-CITY

Sec. 29-A-1. Helsingborg, Sweden established as Sister-City.

The City of Helsingborg, Sweden is adopted and established as a Sister-City to the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Sec. 29-A-2. Sister-City Committee established.

There is hereby established a committee to be known as the Sister-City Committee.

Sec. 29-A-3. Committee membership, appointment and term.

The committee shall consist of twenty-one members to be appointed by the City Council from the organizations listed below. The members shall serve without compensation and the term of ten members first appointed shall expire at the end of one year and the term of eleven other members first appointed shall expire in two years; thereafter committee members shall be appointed to serve for two year terms. In the event of a vacancy the Council shall appoint a new member to serve for the unexpired term.

Alexandria City Council
Alexandria Public School Board
Alexandria Tourist Council
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce

Retail Merchants Association
Alexandria Kiwanis Club
Alexandria Rotary Club
Alexandria Lions Club
Alexandria Business and Professional Women's Club
(to be rotated among the three clubs)
Alexandria Soroptimist Club
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association
Historic Alexandria Foundation
Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation
Commission
Alexandria Public Library
Alexandria League of Women Voters
Alexandria Council—Parent and Teacher Association
Alexandria Labor Council
Alexandria Symphony Orchestra
Member of Alexandria Garden Clubs
Member of Civic and Neighborhood Associations

Sec. 29-A-4. Committee procedure.

The committee shall select its own officers from its membership and adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the committee, provided such rules and regulations are not contrary to the spirit or intent of this chapter.

Sec. 29-A-5. Committee powers and duties.

It shall be the duty of the committee to:

- (a) Plan, develop, encourage and promote an educational and cultural exchange between the City of Helsingborg, Sweden and the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
- (b) To coordinate activities within the City of Alexandria relating to such an educational and cultural exchange.

Sec. 29-A-6. City employee secretary to committee.

The City Manager shall designate a city employee to serve as secretary to the Sister-City Committee. The secretary shall not be entitled to vote on the committee.

Section 2. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this ordinance to the officials of Helsingborg, Sweden.

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.

FRANK E. MANN
Mayor

Final Passage: April 12, 1966