

ORDINANCE NO. 1460

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article numbered XIII; which Chapter 2 relates to ADMINISTRATION, and which new Article XIII relates to and establishes a DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and prescribes POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new Article numbered XIII to read as follows:

Article XIII. Department of Housing and Community Development.

Sec. 2-128. Department of Housing and Community Development - Establishment.

There is hereby established, under the City Manager, a department of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, to be known as the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Sec. 2-129. Director of Department - Appointment and Removal.

The head of the Department of Housing and Community Development shall be the Director of Housing and Community Development, who shall be appointed and removed by the City Manager as provided by law.

Sec. 2-130. Director of Department - Qualifications.

The Director of Housing and Community Development shall be a person who has had training and experience in urban renewal, development, redevelopment, housing and related fields.

Sec. 2-131. Director of Department - Powers and Duties.

The Director of Housing and Community Development, under the City Manager, shall have general direction of the Department of Housing and Community Development. He shall administer the functions, duties and responsibilities assigned him or his department by Section 2-132, by law and by the City Manager. He may, under the City Manager, establish, alter or abolish divisions and other classifications within the department.

Sec. 2-132. Department of Housing and Community Development - Functions, Duties and Responsibilities Assigned.

The following are assigned to the Department of Housing and Community Development:

Urban Renewal, redevelopment, rehabilitation, conservation, development and housing, including but not limited to:

- (1) Preparation of plans and programs for urban renewal, redevelopment, rehabilitation, conservation, development and housing, and the undertaking of such studies as may be necessary in the preparation of plans and programs for those purposes.
- (2) Advice to the City Manager and the City Council concerning urban renewal, redevelopment, rehabilitation, conservation, development and housing.

- (3) After approval by appropriate authority of any plans and programs coming within its jurisdiction, advice to the City Manager and City Council on the desirability of any proposed changes in said plans and programs.
- (4) Investigation of living, dwelling and housing conditions and development of plans and programs to improve the general housing conditions in the City.
- (5) Participation in the development and maintenance of minimum housing standards.
- (6) Act as the representative of the City in relations with other governmental jurisdictions and private agencies concerned with housing and related matters.
- (7) Conduct studies and surveys of areas and property where conditions exist which endanger or are likely to endanger the public safety, health and welfare and make reports and recommendations and prepare plans and programs in connection therewith.
- (8) Coordinate, under the City Manager, the work of all city departments and agencies in connection with urban renewal, redevelopment, rehabilitation, conservation, development and housing.
- (9) Advice to and consultation with the city departments in matters concerning urban renewal, redevelopment, rehabilitation, conservation, development and housing.
- (10) Advice to and consultation with other legally constituted agencies and authorities and with advisory, citizen and civic organizations.
- (11) Maintain detailed information for and give assistance to the general public on standard housing choice, availability and other matters relating to housing.
- (12) Preparation, under the direction of the City Manager, of information bulletins on all phases of all activities of the Department.
- (13) Study, identification, analysis and preparation of plans and programs for the elimination of urban blight.
- (14) Doing, under the City Manager, all things necessary and proper for the promotion of sound community renewal and development.

It is understood that the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities prescribed and assigned in the sections above shall not supersede the activities of any boards, commissions, authorities, departments or other agencies of the city heretofore and hereafter established. The Department of Housing and Community Development and the Director thereof shall, in the performance of their powers, duties, functions and responsibilities, work and cooperate with all such boards, commissions, authorities, departments and other agencies.

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.

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Mayor