

ORDINANCE NO. 1461

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article V, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, which Chapter 2 relates to ADMINISTRATION and which Article V relates to DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN RENEWAL.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article V, Chapter 2 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:

Article V. Department of Planning and Regional Affairs.

Sec. 2-63. Department of Planning and Regional Affairs-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 Planning and Regional Affairs.

Sec. 2-64. Director of Department-Appointment and removal.

The head of the Department of Planning and Regional Affairs shall be the Director of Planning and Regional Affairs who shall be appointed and removed by the City Manager as provided by law.

Sec. 2-65. Director of Department-Qualifications.

The Director of Planning and Regional Affairs shall be a person who has had training and experience in planning, zoning, and related fields.

Sec. 2-66. Director of Department-Powers and duties.

The Director of Planning and Regional Affairs, under the City Manager, shall have general direction of the Department of Planning and Regional Affairs. He shall administer the functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned him or his department by Section 2-67, 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. 2-67. Department of Planning and Regional Affairs-Functions, duties and responsibilities assigned.

The following are assigned to the Department of Planning and Regional Affairs:

Planning and zoning, including but not limited to:

(1) Service as the professional staff for the Planning Commission and assistance to said Commission in all of its duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Charter of the City of Alexandria, or otherwise provided by law; and the undertaking of such studies as may be necessary in the preparation of plans for these purposes.

(2) Service as the professional staff for the Board of Zoning Appeals and assistance to said Board in all of its duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Charter of the City of Alexandria, or otherwise provided by law; and the undertaking of such studies as may be necessary in the preparation of reports for the Board's information.

(3) Advice to the Planning Commission, the City Manager and the City Council concerning planning and zoning and regional affairs.

(4) After approval by appropriate authority of any plans coming within its jurisdiction, advice to the Planning Commission, the City Manager and City Council on the desirability of any proposed changes in said plans.

(5) Preparation of such reports, plans and recommendations concerning planning and zoning and regional affairs as may be required by the City Manager.

(6) Coordination, under the City Manager, of the planning work of all city agencies.

(7) Advice to and consultation with the city departments in matters concerning planning, zoning and regional affairs.

(8) Advice to and consultation with other legally constituted planning agencies and with advisory, citizen and civic organizations.

(9) Preparation, under the direction of the City Manager, of information bulletins on all phases of planning, zoning and regional affairs.

(10) Doing, under the City Manager, all things necessary and proper for the promotion of sound community development.

(11) Assistance to the City Manager and the City Council in studying, analyzing and reporting on the various regional and inter-governmental relationships of the City.

(12) Where appropriate, and after approval by appropriate authority, representing the City Manager and City Council in regional and inter-governmental affairs.

It is understood that the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities prescribed and assigned in the sections above shall not conflict with the activities of any boards, commissions, authorities, departments or other agencies of the city heretofore or hereafter established. The Department of Planning and Regional Affairs 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.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: December 12, 1967