

ORDINANCE NO. 1463

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 8-1, Article I, by adding thereto a new definition; to amend and reordain the second paragraph of Section 8-4, Division 1, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-15, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-16, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-17, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-20, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-22, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-25, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-27, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-28, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-29, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-30, Division 2, Article II; to amend and reordain Section 8-31, Division 2, Article II; all above of Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which said Section 8-1 relates to DEFINITIONS; which said Article 1 relates to CHILD CARE, IN GENERAL; which said new definition relates to PRIVATE NURSERY SCHOOL; which said Section 8-4 relates to PERMIT REQUIRED; PERSONS ENTITLED TO PERMIT; DISPLAY, TERM, RENEWAL, FORM AND TRANSFER OF PERMITS; PERMITS FOR CONCURRENT OPERATIONS; which said Division 1 relates to NURSERY SCHOOLS, GENERALLY; which said Section 8-15 relates to LOCATION OF ROOMS; BASEMENT ROOMS; which said Section 8-16 relates to INDOOR SPACE PER CHILD; which said Section 8-17 relates to LIGHT AND VENTILATION; SCREENS AND DEFLECTORS; which said Section 8-20 relates to SOAP, WASH CLOTHS, ETC.; which said Section 8-22 relates to EXITS AND DOORS; which said Section 8-25 relates to FIRE PREVENTION; DANGEROUS CONDITIONS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES; which said Section 8-27 relates to DRINKING WATER AND FACILITIES; which said Section 8-28 relates to FURNITURE, REST FACILITIES, ETC.; which said Section 8-29 relates to FOOD AND EQUIPMENT USED IN SERVING FOOD; which said Section 8-30 relates to OUT-OF-DOORS PLAY SPACE; which said Section 8-31 relates to FIRST AID; which said DIVISION 2 relates to STANDARDS; which said Article II relates to NURSERY SCHOOLS; which said Chapter 8 relates to CHILD CARE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 8-1, Article I, Chapter 8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new definition to read as follows:

Private nursery school. A nursery school or day nursery as defined in this section.

Section 2. That the second paragraph of Section 8-4, Division 1, Article II, Chapter 8 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:

Such permits shall be issued on forms prescribed by the city manager. Each permit and renewal thereof shall expire on the fifteenth day of October in each year, unless sooner revoked or suspended. Two permits may be issued for concurrent operation to the same person, but each permit shall be issued on a separate form.

Section 3. That Section 8-15, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-15. Location of rooms.

Rooms used in nursery schools shall be in compliance with all applicable City Codes and regulations.

Section 4. That Section 8-16, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-16. Indoor space per child.

There shall be provided in nursery schools at least twenty square feet and two hundred cubic feet, exclusive of bath, kitchen and hall, indoor space per child.

Section 5. That Section 8-17, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-17. Light and ventilation.

In nursery schools, all rooms and parts of building used shall be dry and well-lighted and have adequate ventilation by natural or mechanical means, and comply with the light and ventilation provisions of Chapter 7 of this Code (Light and Ventilation, Article V of the BOCA Code).

Section 6. That Section 8-20, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8, 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. 8-20. Soap, towels, etc.

In nursery schools, soap and towels shall be provided, and all be kept separate. Use of hairbrushes is prohibited. If combs are used, individual combs shall be provided.

Section 7. That Section 8-22, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-22. Exits and doors.

Each classroom shall have a direct exit to the outside or have direct access in two directions to the outside through an enclosed passageway or corridor. Exit doors serving more than one classroom shall swing in the direction of exit travel. Any room, one thousand square feet or more in area, shall have at least two doors remote to each other which shall swing in the direction of exit travel. Every room must be located within one hundred feet of an approved exit. Doors and passageways or corridors shall meet the requirements set forth for assembly use groups in Chapter 7 of this Code. (Sections 609, 612 and 614 of the BOCA Code)

Section 8. That Section 8-25, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-25. Fire prevention; dangerous conditions and noxious substances.

A building used as a nursery school and all parts of the premises thereof shall be free from fire hazards and dangerous conditions, and free from noxious substances of all kinds.

Section 9. That Section 8-27, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-27. Drinking water and facilities.

In nursery schools drinking water supplied by sanitary means shall be accessible to classrooms and playgrounds. Individual drinking cups shall be provided. If bubble fountains are provided, they shall be a type approved by the Alexandria Health Department.

Section 10. That Section 8-28, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-28. Furniture, rest facilities.

In nursery schools suitable furniture, including tables, chairs and rest facilities must be provided.

Section 11. That Section 8-29, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-29. Food and equipment used in serving food.

In nursery schools, if food is served, adequate and sanitary equipment for serving lunch or refreshments must be provided. Foodstuffs shall be wholesome and the handling and storage thereof shall be safe and sanitary. Utensils shall be clean and sanitary.

Section 12. That Section 8-30, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 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. 8-30. Out-of-doors play space.

Out-of-doors play space shall be close to the building occupied as a nursery school and there shall be approximately sixty to one hundred square feet of play space per child using the play facilities at the same time. The ground thereof shall have a smooth surface and be free from sharp gravel, glass or cinders, and it shall be well-drained. Such playground shall be adequately fenced or otherwise protected from traffic, and it shall be free from dangerous conditions.

Section 13. That Section 8-31, Division 2, Article II, Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 8-31. First Aid.

In nursery schools, a standard first aid kit shall be provided and kept completely stocked for emergency treatment and shall be readily available at all times.

Section 14. 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