

ORDINANCE NO. 1556

AN ORDINANCE establishing the ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD and providing for the appointment, function, powers and duties of such board.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 of Title 37.1 (Sections 37.1-194 through 37.1-202) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, provides, among other things, for grants to assist in establishing, maintaining and promoting the development of mental health and mental retardation services in the State; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.1-195 of said Code requires the establishment of a Community Mental Health Services Board before the City may come within the provisions of said Chapter 10; therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Alexandria Community Mental Health Services Board; establishment, composition.

There is hereby established a board to be known as the "Alexandria Community Mental Health Services Board," herein referred to as the Board, which shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall reside in the City while serving and shall have resided in the City for at least one year next preceding his appointment. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, and of the members first appointed three (3) shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year each, three (3) shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years each and three (3) shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years each. Thereafter members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years each. The term of every member appointed shall run from the first day of January of the year of appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of unexpired terms in the same manner as original appointments. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive such reimbursement for expenses as Council may allow. Any member of the Board may be removed by the appointing authority for cause, after being given a written statement of the cause and an opportunity to be heard thereon.

Section 2. Alexandria Community Mental Health Services Board; meetings.

The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall designate the chairman from the membership, who shall serve for a period of three years. All members of the Board shall be entitled to vote and the decisions of the Board shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. A quorum of five members present is required before the Board may take official action. A member present but not voting shall be considered in counting a quorum. When voting on any question the determination may be made by secret ballot but no proxy shall be allowed at any time. In matters concerning the procedure for meetings not covered by this ordinance, the Board may establish its own rules; provided these are not contrary to the mandate or spirit of this ordinance or Sections 37.1-194 through 37.1-202 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Section 3. Alexandria Community Mental Health Services Board; powers and duties.

The Board shall, subject to the availability of funds, have the following powers and duties:

(a) Those provided for in Section 37.1-197 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

(b) Such other powers and duties as the City Council may from time to time assign.

Section 4. 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: March 25, 1969