

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1556, adopted March 25, 1969, which Ordinance No. 1556 relates to the ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD, which Section 1 relates to the ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD and which Section 2 relates to the MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1556, adopted by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia March 25, 1969, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

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\*. The Board shall consist of eleven (11) members, each of whom shall reside in the City while serving and shall have resided in the City for at least one (1) year next preceding his appointment. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council\*. At least one of the members of the Board shall be a licensed physician. \* Of the members first appointed four (4) shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year each, four (4) 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 (3) 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 six (6) 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 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