

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PROHIBITING THE SALE OR TRANSPORTATION OF GASOLINE OR KEROSENE IN SMALL CONTAINERS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, during the past several days there have been a number of dangerous and destructive fires in the city; and

WHEREAS, the city council is of the opinion that an emergency exists and every reasonable effort should be made to stop said fires so as to preserve the public health, safety and welfare; therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. State of emergency. That a state of emergency be and the same hereby is declared to exist within the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Section 2. Sale, transportation, etc. of gasoline in small containers prohibited. That for the duration of said state of emergency it shall be unlawful within the City of Alexandria, Virginia for any person to sell, purchase, transport, give away or receive gasoline or kerosene in any container other than in gasoline tanks properly affixed to motor vehicles or motorcycles.

Section 3. Penalties. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. Emergency ordinance. That this ordinance be and the same hereby is declared an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE for the reasons stated above.

Section 5. Effective date of ordinance. That this ordinance shall not be published. The clerk of the council shall note the date of introduction and first reading and the date and time of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. The clerk and the city manager shall attempt to give this ordinance the widest reasonably possible coverage by all news media. This ordinance shall become effective the moment of its passage, and shall continue in full force and effect until the state of emergency set forth in section 1 of this ordinance has been ended by the joint order of both the chief of police and the city manager of the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Any such order shall be given wide publicity.

Charles E. Beatley, Jr.  
Mayor

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