

ORDINANCE NO. 1639

AN ORDINANCE to amend Article I, Chapter 16 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new section numbered 16-15.1; which Chapter 16 relates to GARBAGE, REFUSE AND WEEDS, which Article I relates to IN GENERAL, and which new section numbered 16-15.1 relates to REMOVAL OF ACCUMULATIONS BY CITY; BILLING AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES; UNPAID BILL A LIEN.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article I, Chapter 16 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section numbered 16-15.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 16-15.1. Removal of accumulations by city; billing and collection of charges; unpaid bill a lien.

Whenever an owner of unoccupied premises fails to remove trash, garbage, refuse, litter or other substances, which might endanger the health of other residents of the city, within fifteen (15) days from the receipt of written notice from the director of public health to remove such accumulation, such removal may be made by the department of health or its agent. When removal is made by the department of health or its agent, the cost or expense thereof shall be forthwith computed, charged to the owner and a bill for such cost or expense shall be prepared by the department of finance and mailed to the owner at his last known post office address within a reasonable time after the removal.

In the event the city does not receive payment of the bill within thirty days after mailing, a duplicate statement of the bill shall be forwarded to the city collector, who shall see that the cost or expense is charged to the owner and collected in the same manner as city taxes. Every charge with which the owner of any such property shall have been assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property.

The department of health shall be responsible for the enforcement of this section.

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: JUNE 23, 1970