

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 18-35 of Chapter 18 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 18 relates to HOUSING STANDARDS, and which Section numbered 18-35 relates to UNLAWFUL RETALIATORY ACTS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 18-35 of Chapter 18 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. 18-35. Unlawful retaliatory acts.

It shall be unlawful for an owner or operator to evict or threaten to evict any person from a dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit, or to refuse or threaten to refuse to let or relet a dwelling unit or rooming unit to any person, when the primary reason for any such eviction, refusal or threat is that the person has complained to the city or any department, agency, officer or employee thereof, alleging violations of Chapter 18 of the City Code.

It shall be unlawful for an owner or operator to evict or threaten to evict any person from a dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit, or to refuse or threaten to refuse to let or relet a dwelling unit or rooming unit to any person, when the primary reason for any such eviction, refusal or threat is that the person is lawfully exercising or has lawfully exercised his constitutional rights of freedom of speech, assembly and petition for redress of grievances, or is organizing, has organized or is a member of a tenant association which (1) has as one of its purposes the obtaining of compliance with Chapter 18 of the City Code, and/or (2) has complained to the city or any department, agency, officer or employee thereof, alleging violations of Chapter 18 of the City Code.

This section shall not apply in cases in which a complaint has been made in bad faith.

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: November 24, 1970