

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subparagraphs (e) and (i) of the first paragraph of Section 32-12 and all of Section 32-15, Article II, Chapter 32 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 32 relates to SOLICITATION FOR CHARITABLE, ETC., PURPOSES, which Article II relates to SOLICITATION FOR NONCHARITABLE PURPOSES, which Section 32-12 relates to CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION--APPLICATION, which first paragraph thereof relates to APPLICATION INFORMATION and which subparagraphs (e) and (i) thereof relate to SPECIFIC ITEMS OF APPLICATION INFORMATION, and which Section 32-15 relates to CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION--ISSUANCE OR DENIAL.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subparagraphs (e) and (i) of the first paragraph of Section 32-12, Article II, Chapter 32 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

(e) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted, * pleaded nolo contendere, or suffered a forfeiture on a charge of violating any law, whether local, state or federal, excluding traffic violations, the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.

(i) The names of at least two persons who will certify as to the applicant's good character and business responsibility, or in lieu of the names of references, any other available evidence as to the good character and business responsibility of the applicant *.

Section 2. That Section 32-15 of Article II, Chapter 32 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. 32-15. Same--Issuance or denial.

* A certificate of registration shall be granted within sixteen (16) days from the date of filing of an application unless the major and superintendent finds:

(a) That the criminal record of the applicant shows that he has been convicted (including pleas of nolo contendere and forfeitures) of a crime involving moral turpitude or of a felony; or

(b) That the applicant has been convicted (including pleas of nolo contendere and forfeitures) of more than one misdemeanor (excluding motor vehicle code violations); or

(c) That the applicant has made a false, fraudulent or misleading material statement in his application; or

(d) That the applicant has been convicted (including pleas of nolo contendere and forfeitures) of a violation of the laws of any jurisdiction relating to selling, vending, soliciting, peddling, hawking or canvassing; or

(e) That the applicant has been convicted of a crime involving a fraud upon any person whether or not such fraud was perpetrated in the course of his conducting a solicitation activity.

If the major or superintendent of police finds one or more of the above he shall deny the application unless he determines that the circumstances related to the finding are such that no real threat would be posed to the health, life or property of the citizens of the city if the applicant were granted a certificate of registration, in which case he shall grant such certificate. Such determination, when made, shall be in writing and shall be based on such considerations as the nature and gravity of the offenses for which the applicant was convicted, the length of time since the last conviction, the work history of the applicant and the general background of the applicant.

The major and superintendent of police shall keep a permanent record of all certificates issued, * denied or revoked.

Section 3. 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: FEBRUARY 23, 1971

N.B. Underscoring is not part of the ordinance but merely denotes new or changed material; asterisks denote deletions.