

ORDINANCE NO. 1700

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the definition of Children's Home of Section 8-1, Article I, Chapter 8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 8 relates to CHILD CARE, which Article I relates to IN GENERAL, and which Section 8-1 thereof relates to DEFINITIONS, and which definition of Children's Home relates to CHILDREN'S HOME.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the definition of Children's Home in Section 8-1, Article I, Chapter 8 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:

Children's Home. (a) Any institution, other than an institution of the state, county or municipality, maintained for the purpose of receiving children under eighteen years of age for care and maintenance separated from their parents or guardians, except (1) a day nursery, (2) a bona fide educational institution whose pupils, in the ordinary course of events, return annually to the homes of their parents or guardians for not less than two months of summer vacation, (3) an establishment required to be licensed as a summer camp under state law, (4) a bona fide hospital legally maintained, and (5) a nursery school; or (b) any private family home in which any such child is received for care and maintenance separated from its parents, except (1) a day nursery, (2) a home required to be licensed as a summer camp under state law, (3) a home in which are received children related by consanguinity or affinity to the person who maintains such home, and legitimate children of personal friends of such person and no other child or children, (4) a home in which are received for care and maintenance dependent, delinquent or neglected children committed by a court of competent jurisdiction or placed by the local department of social services or a licensed child-placing agency, provided that children of not more than one family, or if of more than one family not more than * five such children are cared for and maintained in such home at any time, and no other child or children; and provided further that no home in which more than one child, other than children of the same family, is cared for and maintained shall be permitted in the city without having first obtained a permit from the city manager. The city manager shall issue such a permit when he finds as a result of investigation that the parents and property comply with all applicable laws of the city, the State of Virginia and the "Minimum Standards For Licensed Independent Foster Homes" adopted by the State Board of Welfare and Institutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia at its meeting on March 15, 1949, which standards are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full, and when he further finds that the establishment of any such home will not impair the health, safety, or welfare of the surrounding community. No such permit shall be transferable and each permit shall expire one year after the date of issuance, and (5) a nursery school.

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: March 23, 1971