

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1571 and Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1556, which Ordinance No. 1556 was adopted March 25, 1969, and relates to the ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD, which Section 1 relates to the ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD NOW CALLED ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES BOARD, which Section 2 relates to the MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, which Section 3 relates to POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, which Ordinance No. 1571 was adopted June 10, 1969, relates to the ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD and reordained Sections 1 and 2 of said Ordinance No. 1556.

WHEREAS the city council desires to change the name of the Alexandria Community Mental Health Services Board to Alexandria Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board so as to conform to the most recent provisions of the Code of Virginia, and

WHEREAS the city council also desires to change the provisions with respect to selection and term of service of the chairman of the Board, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1571, adopted June 10, 1969, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Section 1. Alexandria Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board; establishment, composition.

There is hereby established a board to be known as the "Alexandria Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board", herein referred to as the Board. The Board shall consist of eleven (11) members, each of whom shall reside in the City while serving and shall have resided in the City for at least one (1) year next preceding his appointment. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council. At least one of the members of the Board shall be a licensed physician. Of the members first appointed four (4) shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year each, four (4) shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years each and three (3) shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years each. Thereafter members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years each. The term of every member appointed shall run from the first day of January of the year of appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of unexpired terms in the same manner as original appointments. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive such reimbursement for expenses as Council may allow. Any member of the Board may be removed by the appointing authority for cause, after being given a written statement of the cause and an opportunity to be heard thereon.

Section 2. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1571, adopted June 10, 1969, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Section 2. Alexandria Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board; meetings.

The Board shall elect a chairman from the membership who shall serve as chairman for a period of one year. All members of the Board shall be entitled to vote and the decisions of the Board shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. A quorum of six (6) members present is required before the Board may take official action. A member present but not voting shall be considered in counting a quorum. When voting on any question the determination may be made by secret ballot but no proxy shall be allowed at any time. In matters concerning the procedure for meetings not covered by this ordinance, the Board may establish its own rules; provided these are not contrary to the mandate or spirit of this ordinance or Sections 37.1-194 through 37.1-202 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Section 3. That Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1556, adopted March 25, 1969, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Section 3. Alexandria Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board; powers and duties.

The Board shall, subject to the availability of funds, have the following powers and duties:

(a) Those provided for in Section 37.1-197 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

(b) Such other powers and duties as the City Council may from time to time assign.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published 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: JANUARY 25, 1972