

ORDINANCE NO. 1749

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3 of City of Alexandria, Virginia, Ordinance No. 1726, finally passed by the City Council of said City on October 26, 1971, and made effective the date of its final passage, which Ordinance created the CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS BOARD, AN ADVISORY BOARD, TO RESOLVE GRIEVANCES AND PROMOTE HARMONY AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL AS A RESULT OF ITS EXPERIENCE, AND PROVIDED STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD AND PRESCRIBED THE POWERS, DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD AND STAFF, and which amendment of Section 3 thereof INCREASES THE QUORUM OF SAID BOARD FROM FOUR TO SIX MEMBERS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 3 of City of Alexandria, Virginia, Ordinance No. 1726, finally passed on October 26, 1971, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

3. 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 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; provided that nothing herein shall prevent either party from having a poll of the Board. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and a full and impartial hearing shall be granted on all matters. Insofar as reasonably possible, all hearings shall be informal and free from technical rules of law and evidence. The secretary of the Board shall cause minutes of its proceedings to be kept and all findings and decisions be reduced to writing and entered as a matter of public record in the office of the secretary. 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. The Board shall render each 6 months to the City Council a written report of its activities under the provisions of this ordinance along with such comments and recommendations as it may choose to make. The Board shall meet at least once each month from September to June, and may meet in July and August. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive such reimbursement for expenses as the Council may from time to time allow. The Board shall not expend or authorize the expenditure of City funds except with the specific approval of City Council.

Section 2. 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: FEBRUARY 22, 1972