

ORDINANCE NO. 1762

AN ORDINANCE to amend Article XI of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new Section numbered 22-235A, to amend and reordain subsections (3) and (5) of Section 22-238, and to amend and reordain Section 22-240 of the said Article XI, Chapter 22; which Chapter 22 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, which Article XI relates to LICENSE TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS, which new Section 22-235A relates to 1972 LICENSE YEAR; WHEN PAYABLE, which Section 22-238 relates to TAX ON VEHICLES DESIGNATED AND USED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS - SCHEDULE, which subsection (3) thereof relates to RATES FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL BUSES, which subsection (5) thereof relates to RATES FOR LEASED, FOR RENT AND FOR HIRE VEHICLES, and which Section 22-240 relates to TAX ON VEHICLES NOT DESIGNATED OR USED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS.

WHEREAS, on January 25, 1972, the City Council passed an ordinance which amended Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article numbered XI, which Article provides, among other things, for an increase in the rates of license tax on motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, and makes changes in the procedures for collecting the said license taxes; and

WHEREAS, the said changes in the procedures for collecting license taxes, along with additional changes in the assessment of personal property taxes, have made it administratively impossible to complete the collection of the said license tax and issuance of the plates and tags required by the said Article XI within the time prescribed by Section 22-235 of the said Article; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the public interest will be served by extending the time within which the said license tax shall be paid for the 1972 license year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council inadvertently included in subsections (3) and (5) of Section 22-238 a license tax rate for public school buses and passenger vehicles for rent or for hire or under lease, which tax rate is much higher than the tax Council intended to impose, and which greatly exceeds that imposed by the City of Alexandria in the past; and

WHEREAS, the City Council inadvertently included in Section 22-240 of the said Article XI a schedule for determining the amount of license tax to be paid on vehicles not designed or used for transportation of passengers, which schedule provides for a license tax on the said vehicles which is much higher than the tax Council intended to impose, and which greatly exceeds that imposed by neighboring jurisdictions as well as that imposed by the City of Alexandria in the past; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the said schedule of license taxes contained in subsections (3) and (5) of Section 22-238 and Section 22-240 of the said Article was erroneously enacted and that the public interest will be served by amending it; therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article XI of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section numbered 22-235A to read as follows:

Sec. 22-235A. 1972 License year; when payable.

Notwithstanding the first sentence of Section 22-235, for the 1972 license year the license tax imposed by Section 22-234 of this Code shall be due and payable not later than May 1 in the case of vehicles designated and used for transportation of

passengers, and not later than May 15 in the case of vehicles not designed or used for transportation of passengers. For all subsequent license years, the first sentence of Section 22-235 shall govern the time for payment of the said license tax.

Section 2. That subsections (3) and (5) of Section 22-238, Article XI, Chapter 22, 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:

(3) Thirty cents per hundred pounds of weight or major fraction thereof for a private school bus, provided that in no case shall the fee be less than ten dollars.

(5) Twenty-five dollars for each motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer kept or used for rent or for hire or operated under a lease without chauffeur for the transportation of passengers, provided that the annual license tax on passenger vehicles rented or leased for terms of not less than twelve months, without a chauffeur, shall be twelve dollars. This subsection does not apply to vehicles used as common carriers.

Section 3. That Section 22-240, Article XI, Chapter 22 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. 22-240. Tax on vehicles not designed or used for transportation of passengers.

Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, the license tax to be paid by owners of all motor vehicles, trailers, or semi-trailers not designed and used for the transportation of passengers shall be determined by the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles of which it is a part, when loaded to the maximum capacity for which it is registered and licensed, according to the schedule herein set forth.

<u>Gross Weight</u> <u>Groups</u> <u>(Pounds)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
12,000 or less	\$12.00
12,001 - 15,000	15.00
15,001 - 18,000	20.00
18,001 - 20,000	25.00
20,001 - 22,000	30.00
22,001 - 24,000	35.00
24,001 - 26,000	40.00
26,001 - 40,000	50.00
40,001 and up	65.00

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