

ORDINANCE NO. 1782

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 22-36 and 22-40, Division 4, of Article II of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 22 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, which Article II relates to POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES; SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKERS GENERALLY: TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES, which Division 4 relates to MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, which Section 22-36 relates to DUTY OF POLICE TO ENFORCE CITY AND STATE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIREMEN TO DIRECT TRAFFIC, and which Section 22-40 relates to TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL LEGEND.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-36, Division 4 of Article II, 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. 22-36. Duty of police to enforce city and state traffic regulations; authority of police and firemen to direct traffic.

It shall be the duty of the officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the superintendent of police to enforce all street traffic laws of this city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in this city. Officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned the superintendent of police are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws; provided, that in the event of a fire or other emergency to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws. Officers of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct traffic or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

With the consent of the landowner, any such officer may patrol the landowner's property to enforce state and city motor vehicle registration and licensing requirements.

Section 2. That Section 22-40, Division 4 of Article II, 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. 22-40. Traffic-control signal legend.

Signals by lights or semaphores shall be as follows: :

Red indicates that traffic then moving shall stop and remain stopped as long as a constant red signal is shown, except in the direction indicated by a lighted green arrow.

Green indicates the traffic shall then move in the direction of the signal and remain in motion as long as the green signal is given, except that such traffic shall yield to other vehicles and pedestrians lawfully within the intersection.

Amber indicates that a change is about to be made in the direction of the moving traffic. When the amber signal is shown, traffic which has not already entered the intersection, including the crosswalks, shall stop if it is not reasonably safe to continue, but that which has already entered the intersection shall continue to move until the intersection has been entirely cleared. The amber signal is a warning that the red signal is imminent. The use of a flashing amber arrow indicates that traffic may turn in the direction that the arrow is pointing only with caution and shall yield to any vehicle or pedestrian lawfully in the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Section 3. 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 July 1, 1972.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: JUNE 14, 1972