

ORDINANCE NO. 1785

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 22-99 and Section 22-103, Division 1 of Article IV, 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 IV relates to STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY, which Division 1 relates to IN GENERAL, which Section 22-99 relates to MANNER OF STOPPING GENERALLY; REMOVAL OF VEHICLE STOPPED AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT, ETC., and which Section 22-103 relates to PARKING IN FRONT OF FIRE HYDRANT, NEAR STREET CORNER, FIRE STATION, ETC.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-99, Division 1, Article IV of 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. 22-99. Manner of stopping generally; removal of vehicle stopped as result of accident, etc.

No vehicle shall be stopped in such a manner as to impede or render dangerous the use of the street by others, except in the case of an emergency as the result of an accident or mechanical breakdown, in which case the emergency flashing lights of such vehicle shall be turned on if the vehicle is equipped with such lights and such lights are operating, and a report shall be made to the nearest police officer as soon as practicable, and the vehicle shall be removed from the street as soon as possible without unnecessary delay; and if such vehicle is not promptly removed, such removal may be ordered by a police officer at the expense of the owner, if the disabled vehicle creates a traffic hazard.

No vehicle shall be stopped except close to and parallel to the right-hand edge of the curb or street, except that a vehicle may be stopped close to and parallel to the left-hand curb or edge of the street on one-way streets, other than dual lane, divided streets, or may be parked at an angle where permitted.

No vehicle shall be stopped at or in the vicinity of a fire, vehicle or airplane accident or other area of emergency, in such a manner as to create a traffic hazard or interfere with the necessary procedures of police, firemen, rescue workers or others whose duty it is to deal with such emergencies. Any vehicle found unattended in the vicinity of such fire, accident or area of emergency may be removed by order of a police officer at the risk and expense, not to exceed five dollars, of the owner if such vehicle creates a traffic hazard or interferes with the necessary procedures of police, firemen, rescue workers or others whose assigned duty it is to deal with such emergencies. Vehicles being used by accredited information services, such as press, radio and television, when being used for the gathering of news, shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, except when actually obstructing the police, firemen and rescue workers dealing with such emergencies.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle owned or controlled by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Highways, while actually engaged in the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of highways.

Section 2. That Section 22-103, Division 1, Article IV of 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. 22-103. Parking in front of fire hydrant, near street corner, fire station, etc.

No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a street in front of a private driveway or within fifteen feet in either direction of a fire hydrant or the entrance to a fire station, or within fifteen feet of the entrance to a building housing rescue squad equipment or ambulances provided such buildings are plainly designated, nor within twenty feet from the intersection of curb lines or, if none, then within fifteen feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of streets.

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