

ORDINANCE NO. 1790

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 22-197, Section 22-202, Section 22-207 and Section 22-210, all of Article VIII, 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 VIII relates to BRAKES, HORNS AND OTHER MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, which Section 22-197 relates to SUSPENSION OF OBJECTS SO AS TO OBSTRUCT VIEW OF DRIVER, which Section 22-202 relates to CLEATS, ETC., ON TIRES; CHAINS; TIRES WITH STUDS, which Section 22-207 relates to MUFFLERS; EXHAUST PIPES GENERALLY, and which Section 22-210 relates to FASTENING LOAD OF LOGS, BARRELS, ETC.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-197 of Article VIII, 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. 22-197. Suspension of objects so as to obstruct view of driver.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle upon a street in this city with any object, other than a rear view mirror, sun visor or other equipment of the motor vehicle approved by the superintendent of the department of state police, suspended from any part of such motor vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the driver's clear view of the street through the windshield, the front side windows or the rear windows, or to alter a passenger carrying vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the driver's view through the windshield; provided, however, that the provisions of this section prohibiting the obstruction of the view of the driver through the rear window shall not apply if such motor vehicle is equipped with a mirror on each side, so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the highway for a distance of not less than two hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.

Section 2. That Section 22-202 of Article VIII, 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. 22-202. Cleats, etc., on tires; chains; tires with studs.

No tire on a vehicle moved on a street shall have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat or spike or any other protuberance or any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire; except that it shall be permissible to use farm machinery having protuberances which will not injure the street and to use tire chains of reasonable proportions when required for safety because of snow, ice or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to slide or skid. It shall also be permissible to use upon any vehicle, whose gross weight does not exceed ten thousand pounds, tires with studs which project not more than one sixteenth of an inch beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire when compressed and which cover not more than three percent of the traction surface of the tire. The use of such studded tires shall be permissible from November 1, 1972 to April 1, 1973, and from November 1, 1973 to April 1, 1974.

Section 3. That Section 22-207 of Article VIII, 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. 22-207. Mufflers; exhaust pipes generally.

(a) No person shall drive and no owner of a motor vehicle shall permit or allow the operation of any owned vehicle upon a highway unless such

motor vehicle is equipped with an exhaust system of a type installed as standard factory equipment or comparable to that designed for use upon the particular vehicle as standard factory equipment, in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, annoying smoke and escape of excessive gas, steam or oil. An exhaust system shall not be deemed to prevent excessive or unusual noise if it permits or allows the escape of noise in excess of that permitted by the standard factory equipment exhaust system of private passenger motor vehicles or trucks of standard make.

(b) The term "exhaust system," as used in this section, means all the parts of a motor vehicle through which the exhaust passes after leaving the engine block.

(c) Chambered pipes shall not be deemed to be an effective muffling device to prevent excessive or unusual noise as required in section (a).

Section 4. That Section 22-210 of Article VIII, 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. 22-210. Fastening load of logs, barrels, etc.

No vehicle which is designed or used for the purpose of hauling logs, poles or lumber, barrels, hogsheads or other materials or containers which by their very nature may shift or roll, shall be operated or moved over any street unless its load is securely fastened by chain, metal cables, nylon webbing, steel straps or other restraining devices, so as to prevent the shifting or falling of such load from the vehicle.

Section 5. 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