

ORDINANCE NO. 1859

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 22-63, Division 1, Article III 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 III relates to OPERATION OF VEHICLES, which Division 1 relates to IN GENERAL, and which Section 22-63 relates to RIDING UPON OR OPERATING MOTORCYCLES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-63, Division 1, Article III, 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. 22-63. Riding upon or operating motorcycles.

A person operating a motorcycle as defined in section 22-1 herein, excluding four-wheeled and three-wheeled vehicles, shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached to the motorcycle, and such operator shall not carry any other person, and no other person shall ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the seat for the operator. If such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, it shall also be equipped with a footrest for the use of such passenger.

A person operating a motorcycle shall wear a face shield, safety glasses or goggles or have his motorcycle equipped with safety glass or a windshield at all times while operating said vehicle, and operators and passengers thereon, if any, shall wear protective helmets. Operators and passengers riding on motorcycles with wheels of eight inches or less in diameter shall not be required to wear protective helmets.

No person shall operate any motorcycle upon any public property in the city, except that this provision shall not apply to the operation of motorcycles upon the streets in compliance with applicable sections of this Code and of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, nor shall this provision apply to the operation of publicly-owned motorcycles, of emergency vehicles, or of implements including self-propelled mowers designed and used for mowing lawns. This provision shall be applicable only where there has been posted upon the property in question a sign or signs indicating that such operation is prohibited by use of the words "motorcycle riding prohibited" or "minibike riding prohibited", or words of similar import.

Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 13-1.

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: MAY 22, 1973