

ORDINANCE NO. 1931

AN ORDINANCE to amend The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new chapter numbered 32A, which new chapter numbered 32A relates to and adopts regulations for SOLID WASTE CONTROL and establishes PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new chapter numbered 32A to read as follows:

Chapter 32A.

Solid Waste Control

Article I. Findings of fact and declaration of policy.

Sec. 32A-1. Findings of fact and declaration of policy.

The city council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, finds: That technological progress in manufacturing, packaging, and marketing of consumer products has resulted in continuing increases in the mass of material discarded by purchasers of such products. That inefficient and improper methods of collection of solid wastes create hazards to the public health, including pollution of air and water resources, foster unhealthful and unsanitary living conditions, create public nuisances, and otherwise adversely affect community life. That failure to reuse some waste materials depletes our natural resources and damages the environment.

Therefore, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the city, in the exercise of its police power to preserve the safety, health, peace good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of its inhabitants, to improve and make more efficient the city's solid waste control system by establishing and enforcing rules and regulations relating to solid waste collection, and to reduce the amount of unsalvageable materials by establishing a recycling program to utilize the potential resources in solid wastes.

Article II. Definitions

Sec. 32A-2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall for the purpose of this chapter have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except for those instances where otherwise expressly provided.

Ashes. Residue resulting from the combustion of coal, wood, coke, or other combustible materials, including residue from incineration of solid wastes.

Bulk waste container. A sturdy, water-tight, covered metal container which can only be emptied directly into a refuse truck by mechanical means.

Collection. Removal or transportation of solid waste, ashes, recyclable material and yard debris, from its place of storage or collection point to its place of disposal.

Demolition debris. The residue from building demolition.

Director. The director of public works of the city or his authorized representative.

Dwelling, row. One of a series of three or more attached dwelling units under a common roof with a common exterior wall, and separated from one another by continuous vertical party walls without openings from basement to roof.

Dwelling, single family. A detached building, designed for or intended to be occupied by one family.

Dwelling, two family. A building designed for or intended to be occupied by not over two families, living independently of each other. This shall include both duplex (one dwelling unit above another in a single detached building) and semi-detached (two dwelling units having a common vertical party wall).

Garbage. Animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, serving or consumption of food, except for oyster and clam shells from businesses, but excluding human waste.

Occupied premises. Any premises being put to some actual use, as distinguished from idle or vacant premises, or premises where human beings work or live.

Recyclable Materials. For purposes of this chapter, recyclable materials shall include any amount of newspapers, and brown corrugated cardboard of any shape or form in quantities of over 50 lbs. a week.

Solid waste. Unwanted or discarded material in a solid or semi-liquid state, consisting of garbage, trash, or a combination thereof, but excluding recyclable materials.

Trash. Solid waste materials incident to the ordinary conduct of a household, place of business, or industrial establishment, including unmounted tires, but not including ashes, automobile bodies, demolition debris, trees, building materials, industrial wastes, hazardous wastes, recyclable materials, or metal objects over 3 feet in length or weighing over 75 lbs.

Unoccupied premises. Any premises not being put to some actual use or vacant or idle or upon which no person works or lives.

Waste container. A watertight and covered receptacle used by any person to store solid waste or ashes for collection.

Yard debris. Shrubbery prunings, tree prunings not over 2 inches in diameter, grass clippings, and similar materials.

### Article III. Pre-collection regulations.

#### Sec. 32A-3. Preparation of solid waste for collection.

(a) Garbage. All garbage shall first be drained of liquid and placed in a plastic liner or an approved waste container; except that automatic disposal units may be used when available. Garbage shall not be placed in a waste container without mixing it with trash when available so that the contents of the container constitute a mixture.

(b) Trash. All trash, except as herein below provided, shall be placed in a plastic liner or an approved waste container.

(c) Ashes. Ashes shall not be placed in any waste container with garbage or trash. Ashes shall be cool and dry before being placed in an approved waste container.

(d) Recyclable Material. Recyclable material shall be placed out for collection in strong brown paper bags or securely tied bundles, but paper bags will not be returned. Brown corrugated cardboard boxes shall first be folded into flat pieces and stacked.

(e) Yard debris. Yard debris may be placed out for collection in securely tied bundles not exceeding four feet in length or may be placed in plastic liners.

(f) Weight limitation. Except for bulk waste containers, the total weight of any waste container, plastic liner, or bundle of recyclable material or yard debris, including its contents, shall not exceed 75 pounds in weight.

Sec. 32A-4. Approved waste containers.

(a) The following shall be deemed approved waste containers for collection and shall be emptied and, except for plastic liners and waterproof paper bags, shall be returned to or left on the premises when collection is made by the city:

(1) For ashes not in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A sturdy metal, water-tight container equipped with handles and a tight fitting metal cover, with a capacity of not less than fifteen nor more than thirty gallons.

(2) For solid waste not in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A sturdy metal or heavy plastic container which is water-tight, equipped with handles and a tight fitting metal or plastic cover, with a capacity of not less than fifteen nor more than thirty gallons.

A plastic liner at least 39 inches long with a minimum diameter of 60 inches made of min. 1.7 mil. opaque plastic or a waterproof paper bag approved by the director may be used in a metal or plastic container specified above. The plastic liner or waterproof paper bag may be removed from the metal or plastic container, securely tied, and placed at the proper point of collection.

(3) For ashes in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A bulk waste container not exceeding 3 cubic yards capacity which is approved by the director.

(4) For solid waste in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A bulk waste container not exceeding 3 cubic yards capacity which is approved by the director.

(b) The following shall be deemed approved waste containers for collection and shall be emptied and, except for plastic liners and waterproof paper bags, shall be returned to or left on the premises when collection is made by private collectors.

(1) For ashes not in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A sturdy metal, water-tight container equipped with handles and a tight fitting metal cover, with a capacity of not less than fifteen nor more than thirty gallons.

(2) For solid waste not in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A sturdy metal or heavy plastic container which is water-tight, equipped with handles and a tight fitting metal or plastic cover, with a capacity of not less than fifteen nor more than thirty gallons.

A plastic liner at least 39 inches long with a minimum diameter of 60 inches made of min. 1.7 mil. opaque plastic or a waterproof paper bag approved by the director may be used in a metal or plastic container specified above. The plastic liner or waterproof paper bag may be removed from the metal or plastic container, securely tied, and placed at the proper point of collection.

(3) For ashes in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A bulk waste container which is approved by the director.

(4) For solid waste in excess of 1 cubic yard per week. A bulk waste container which is approved by the director.

(c) The director shall not approve any bulk waste container that is not sturdy, in good condition, made of water-tight metal, tightly covered except when being filled or emptied and stored in a place that affects or offends the occupants, the general public and nearby residents as little as reasonably possible under the circumstances. In order to so protect the occupants, the general public and nearby residents, the director may require screening of the storage place as a prerequisite for approval.

Sec. 32A-5. Covers to be kept on all waste containers.

A tight fitting cover shall at all times be kept on every waste container, except when such containers are being filled or emptied.

Sec. 32A-6. Plastic liners and waterproof paper bags to be securely tied.

Plastic liners and waterproof paper bags containing solid waste shall be securely tied when they are removed from or placed outside of a metal or plastic container for collection.

Sec. 32A-7. Waste containers to be kept in good condition.

All waste containers shall be kept in good condition and solid waste shall not be placed in any container that is so constructed or is so defective that the contents leak or spill out.

Sec. 32A-8. Area on which waste containers are located to be clean.

The area upon which waste containers are stored or placed for collection shall be kept clean and free of solid waste.

Sec. 32A-9. Sunken waste containers prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to install a new waste container, the bottom of which is sunken or depressed below the abutting surface level.

It shall also be unlawful for any person to use or cause to be used an existing waste container the bottom of which is sunken or depressed below the abutting surface level after any such sunken container has been disapproved by the director unless such sunken container shall have been approved by the director upon further inspection. This section shall not be construed to prohibit any person from repairing or replacing an existing sunken waste container for the purpose of meeting minimum sanitary standards set by the director.

Sunken waste containers in existence may continue in use unless they are disapproved by the director. As soon as he reasonably can after the date of passage of this chapter, the director shall inspect each such existing sunken container. The director shall disapprove any sunken container that in his opinion is unsanitary or likely to cause unsanitary conditions. The director shall thereafter from time to time inspect sunken containers that are in existence to determine whether or not they should be approved or disapproved.

Any person using any sunken waste container shall place such container at the point of collection on collection day. The contents of any sunken waste container may be placed in an approved plastic liner or waterproof paper bag before being placed at the point of collection.

#### Article IV. Solid waste collection generally.

Sec. 32A-10. Collection by city, generally.

The city, under the direction of the director, subject to the provisions of this chapter, shall collect solid waste, ashes, recyclable material and yard debris in the city; except that any person or establishment may at his discretion obtain the services of a private collector rather than accept collection by the city.

Sec. 32A-11. Substances not collected by city.

Poisons, acids, caustics, dead animals, hospital waste, manure, human excreta, soil, loam, stones, bricks, automobiles, demolition debris, industrial waste, building waste, building material that may accumulate as a result of building repairs and dangerous, hazardous or explosive waste will not be collected by the city.

Sec. 32A-12. Collection by others, generally.

Any person or establishment obtaining the services of a private collector shall cause solid waste, ashes, recyclable material and yard debris to be collected from their respective buildings, establishments and premises in such a manner as not to create a nuisance or public health hazard.

Article V. Solid waste collection regulations.

Sec. 32A-13. Collection by city.

(a) Points of collection. The city shall not make any collection under this chapter except from a proper point of collection. It shall be the duty of occupants of premises to place approved waste containers, approved plastic liners, recyclable material and yard debris at the proper point of collection.

(1) Points of collection from streets.

(i) Approved waste containers and yard debris shall be placed for collection at a point ten feet or less from the curb line or at a point on the property line adjacent to which the collection vehicle stops.

(ii) Approved plastic liners and recyclable material shall be placed for collection within one-hundred feet of the curb line or property line if there is no curb line, unless in the instance of unusual circumstances another arrangement has been made between the occupant and the director.

(2) Points of collection from alleys. Approved waste containers, plastic liners, recyclable material and yard debris shall be placed for collection at a point adjacent to and not more than ten feet distance from the alley.

(b) Points of collection for approved bulk waste containers. The point of collection shall be at a place that has been approved by the director. The director shall only approve places that affect or offend the occupants, the general public and nearby residents as little as reasonably possible under the circumstances. The director may require surfacing of the point of collection as a prerequisite for approval. It shall be the duty of the owner or operator of an establishment using an approved bulk waste container to secure the approval of the director for the point of collection.

(c) Interference with parking, etc., prohibited. Approved waste containers, approved plastic liners, recyclable material, and yard debris shall not be placed at a point of collection that will hinder or interfere with parking, traffic or pedestrians.

(d) Number of waste containers and plastic liners limited. An annual average of no more than nine (9) approved waste containers and approved plastic liners shall be collected per collection per residence or business establishment. If an annual average of more than nine (9) approved waste containers and approved plastic liners are required per collection per residence or business establishment, a bulk waste container shall be used. Such bulk waste container shall be provided and maintained by the occupant.

(e) Persons other than city collectors. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a city collector, when collection is made by the city, to remove solid waste, ashes, recyclable material, yard debris, or special collection items from any point of collection; except that nothing shall prohibit any person from removing his own solid waste, recyclable material, ashes, yard debris, or special collection items.

(f) Time of collection. The city will normally provide collection under this chapter once each week unless otherwise directed by the city manager due to unusual conditions. Recyclable material shall be collected by the city once every two weeks.

The city is not required to collect from any premises unless the approved waste containers, plastic liners, yard debris, and recyclable material are placed at the point of collection no later than 7 o'clock a.m. on collection day. For premises served from the street where approved waste containers, plastic liners, yard debris, and recyclable material are placed at the curblin or property line for collection, the waste containers should not be placed at the point of collection sooner than 5 p.m. of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection day and the waste containers not collected by the city should be returned to their normal storage point not later than 7:00 p.m. of the collection day.

(g) Special collections. The city will, by appointment, make special collections of large or bulky items from premises it normally serves. A special collection item includes but is not limited to large metal objects, mattresses, white goods, but does not include hot water heaters, automobile parts, rocks, dirt, or building materials. White goods shall include but not be limited to refrigerators, stoves, clothes washers and dryers.

(h) Interference with collection. Occupants of premises shall facilitate collection by confining animals that might interfere with collection.

Collection will not be made where animals interfere with or are likely to interfere with collections.

Any gates blocking access to the point of collection shall be unlocked by 7:00 a.m. for collection on collection days. If reasonably possible, snow and ice shall be cleared away from the vicinity of the approved waste containers and from approach walks by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection.

(i) Collection not required where regulations violated. The city is not required to collect from premises where the provisions of this chapter are violated and failure to collect shall not relieve the responsible persons from prosecution and penalty as set forth in this chapter.

#### Sec. 32A-14. Collection by others.

(a) Points of collection for approved waste containers and plastic liners for premises not served by city. The point of collection shall be as agreed upon between the owner and a private collector duly licensed pursuant to Article VI of this chapter; provided that such point shall not be on a public right of way and shall not hinder or interfere with parking, traffic or pedestrians.

(b) Points of collection for approved bulk waste containers. The point of collection shall be at a place that has been approved by the director. The director shall only approve places that affect or offend the occupants, the general public and nearby residents as little as reasonably possible under the circumstances. The director may require surfacing of the point of collection as a prerequisite for approval. It shall be the duty of the owner or operator of an establishment using an approved bulk waste container to secure the approval of the director for the point of collection.

(c) Time of collection. Solid waste shall be collected from all premises not serviced by the city at least once each week. No collection shall be made between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from any point within 200 feet of any dwelling.

(d) Persons other than licensed collectors not to remove solid waste from containers. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a private collector duly licensed pursuant to Article VI of this chapter, when collection is made by a private collector, to remove solid waste, ashes, recyclable material, special collection items, or yard debris from any point of collection; except that nothing shall prohibit any person from removing his own solid waste, recyclable material, ashes, yard debris or special collection items.

#### Article VI. Private collectors.

##### Sec. 32A-15. Solid waste collection permit required for a private collector.

On and after July 1, 1974, it shall be unlawful for any person to collect, transport, or dispose of any solid waste, ashes, yard debris, or recyclable material in the city without first obtaining a solid waste collection permit therefor from the director; provided that this provision shall not apply to employees of the holder of a permit, and provided further that this shall not prohibit a person from processing or transporting his own solid waste, ashes, yard debris or recyclable material in a vehicle not used solely for transporting solid waste, ashes, yard debris or recyclable material.

##### Sec. 32A-16. Solid waste collection permit applications.

Any person desiring a permit to collect, transport, or dispose of any solid waste, ashes, yard debris or recyclable material in the city shall make application to the director. Each such application shall contain the name, address and telephone number of the place where the applicant proposes to maintain his equipment and vehicles, and number and description of vehicles to be used.

##### Sec. 32A-17. Investigation of premises and vehicles; issuance of permit or denial of application.

The director, before issuing any permit, shall cause an investigation to be made of the premises within the city and vehicles named and described in the application for a permit under this Article for the purpose of determining whether the premises and vehicles comply with the provisions of this Article, including but not limited to the standards established in Sec. 32A-23 of this chapter. If the director shall be satisfied from such investigation that the premises and vehicles are in conformity with this Article, he shall issue, or cause to be issued, upon payment by the applicant to the city of a fee of twenty-five (\$25) dollars per vehicle to be used in the city, a permit authorizing the applicant to collect, transport, or dispose of solid waste, ashes, yard debris and recyclable material, in the city. If the director shall not be so satisfied, or if the applicant has refused the director the right to enter and inspect any premises, except the interior of any residence, and vehicles pursuant to Sec. 32A-19 for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Article, he shall deny the application and advise the applicant in writing of such denial setting forth the reasons therefor.

At the time of the issuance of a permit, the director shall assign to all vehicles to be used by the permittee in the city a tag number which shall be displayed by the applicant on the front of the vehicle at all times. In addition, the permittee's name and telephone number shall be painted on both sides of the vehicle on the door of the cab in letters and numbers not less than two inches high.

Sec. 32A-18. Same -- renewal.

Every permit issued pursuant to this Article shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) for which it is issued, unless sooner suspended. The permittee's premises and all vehicles shall be inspected each year and the permit shall be renewed if the premises and vehicles are in conformity with this Article. A permit shall not be transferable to any other person.

Sec. 32A-19. Right of entry.

The director is hereby authorized to enter and inspect any premises, except the interior of any residence, and vehicles in the city used by an applicant for a permit or a permittee in the business of collecting, transporting or disposing of solid waste, ashes, yard debris and recyclable material. Any such inspection shall be made during business hours and only with the consent of said applicant or permittee for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Article and for no other purpose.

Sec. 32A-20. Suspension of permit -- effect of order.

If the director finds that the premises and vehicles, for which the permit was issued, do not conform to the provisions of this Article, or the permittee has refused the director the right to enter and inspect the premises, except the interior of any residence, and vehicles pursuant to Sec. 32A-19 for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Article, he may enter an order for the immediate suspension of the permit until such time as he finds that the reason for such suspension no longer exists. A copy of the order shall be sent to the permittee at his place of business by certified mail, which order shall set forth the reasons for said suspension. It shall be unlawful for any person to collect, transport, or dispose of solid waste, ashes, yard debris or recyclable material in the city when subject to an order of suspension.

Sec. 32A-21. Same -- reinstatement.

The director may reinstate a suspended permit when no fact or condition exists which would otherwise warrant the director to refuse to grant a permit under the terms of this article.

Sec. 32A-22. Appeals.

Any applicant or permittee aggrieved by the actions of the director in the denial of an applicant for a solid waste collection permit, or in the decision of the director with reference to the suspension of a solid waste collection permit, pursuant to Section 32A-17 or 32A-20 of this chapter shall have the right of appeal to the city manager. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the city manager, within ten days after notice of the denial or suspension has been mailed to such person's place of business, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for appeal. The city manager shall schedule a hearing and shall give notice of such hearing to the appellant. The decision of the city manager on appeal shall be final, but shall not preclude the issuance of a permit or the reinstatement of a suspended permit by the director due to changed circumstances.

Sec. 32A-23. Regulations of private collectors.

Any person collecting, transporting, or disposing of solid waste in the city who does not comply with the following minimum standards shall be subject to suspension of his permit pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 32A-20 of this chapter.

(a) The premises wherein vehicles, equipment and offices are maintained shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and an accumulation of solid waste, ashes, yard debris or recyclable material which tends to create a health problem or nuisance shall not be permitted on any such premises.

(b) All vehicles used in the collection of solid waste shall be kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be so constructed and maintained as to prevent spillage of the type of solid waste to be collected therein.

(c) All vehicles hauling solid waste shall be watertight and completely enclosed.

(d) All vehicles two ton gross in weight (G.P.W.) or more to be used to dispose of solid waste at the city incinerator or landfill shall be equipped with suitable hoisting or ejection equipment.

(e) All vehicles shall be emptied before being placed on the permittee's premises for overnight parking. (Except for Sunday nights only).

(f) No vehicle shall be parked on a city street overnight.

(g) No vehicle shall be parked in violation of Section 22-105 of the City Code, relating to parking of trucks and commercial vehicles in a residential district.

(h) All vehicles shall transport solid waste in such a manner as not to create a nuisance or adversely affect public health.

(i) All provisions of this Article and rules and regulations established by the director pursuant to this chapter shall be complied with.

#### Article VII. Solid waste disposal.

##### Sec. 32A-24. Disposal sites.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a private disposal site for solid waste, ashes, or yard debris in the city. It shall also be unlawful for any person to dispose of any solid waste, ashes, or yard debris at any site within the city other than those sites designated by the director.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit reclamation, recycling or junk businesses within the city. This section shall also not be construed to apply to sanitary landfills operated pursuant to regulations imposed by the City Council by ordinance.

##### Sec. 32A-25. Use of city disposal sites.

It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose on any city disposal site any solid waste, ashes or yard debris brought into the city from any point outside of the city limits, except with written permission of the director.

#### Article VIII. Miscellaneous.

##### Sec. 32A-26. Placing solid waste, etc. in a street box.

It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose in any street box, in the city, placed at various locations in the city to prevent littering on the public ways, any solid waste, ashes, recyclable material, or yard debris generated incident to the ordinary conduct of a household, place of business, or industrial establishment.

##### Sec. 32A-27. Accumulations of garbage, trash, ashes, solid waste, recyclable material, or yard debris.

It shall be unlawful to allow, permit, or have an accumulation of ashes, solid waste, recyclable material, or yard debris on any premises within the city which tends to create a public nuisance or health problem. Whenever the director or his agent finds that it reasonably appears there is immediate danger to the life, health or safety of any person due to the aforesaid accumulation, on any premises within the city, then such premises is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

When such a public nuisance is found to exist on any premises, the occupant, or the owner in the event the premises is unoccupied, shall be given written notice by the director with the request that such accumulation shall be removed within seven (7) days of the receipt of the notice. Should the occupant, or the owner in the event the premises is unoccupied, fail to comply with the request within such time, he shall be considered in violation of this section.

Sec. 32A-28. Duties of owners and occupants.

It shall be the duty of the occupant of any premises to comply with the provisions of this chapter, except where the property is unoccupied, in which case the duty shall lie with the owner.

In case there is some arrangement between the owner and the occupant, upon proof thereof by the occupant, the terms of such deed, contract, lease, regulation, agreement, arrangement, expressed or implied, or custom shall control the responsibility.

It shall be the duty of every occupant of premises or of every owner where the duty changes as above indicated to provide and keep in a suitable place a sufficient number of approved receptacles capable of holding the ashes, recyclable material, yard debris, and solid waste from the premises.

Sec. 32A-29. Removal of accumulations by city; billing and collection of charges; unpaid bill a lien.

Whenever an owner of unoccupied premises fails to remove solid waste, ashes, yard debris, recyclable material, litter or other substances which might endanger the health of other residents of the city, within seven (7) days from the receipt of written notice from the director to remove such accumulation, pursuant to Section 32A-27, such removal may be made by the department of public works or its own agent. When removal is made by the department of public works or its agent, the cost of expense thereof shall be forthwith computed, charged to the owner and a bill for such cost or expense shall be prepared by the department of public works and mailed to the owner at his last known post office address within a reasonable time after the removal.

In the event the city does not receive payment of the bill within thirty days after mailing, a duplicate statement of the bill shall be forwarded to the director of finance, who shall see that the cost or expense is charged to the owner and collected in the same manner as city taxes. Every charge with which the owner of any such property shall have been assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property.

Sec. 32A-30. Rules and regulations.

The city manager shall have the power to establish rules and regulations, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, governing the removal, keeping, collection and depositing of ashes, solid waste, yard debris, special collection items, and recyclable material.

Sec. 32A-31. Enforcement of Article.

The department of public works shall be responsible for, collect pursuant to and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 32A-32. Penalties.

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 32A-33. Enforcement by injunction.

Violations of the provisions of this chapter may, in addition to the penalty provided in Section 32A-32 of this chapter, be restrained, prohibited or enjoined by appropriate proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

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