

ORDINANCE NO. 1972

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the first sentence of Section 22-234, to renumber Section 22-235A, to add a new section numbered 22-235.2, and to amend and reordain Section 22-238, all of Article XI 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 XI thereof relates to LICENSE TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS, which Section 22-234 relates to LICENSE TAX LEVIED, which Section 22-235A relates to EXCEPTION FOR 1972 LICENSE YEAR, which Section 22-235.2 relates to USE OF LICENSE PLATES OR WINDSHIELD TAGS BEFORE LICENSE YEAR, and which Section 22-238 relates to TAX ON VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS--SCHEDULE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the first sentence of Section 22-234, Article XI, 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. 22-234. License tax levied.

A license tax is hereby imposed for the period from the first day of May to the following thirtieth day of April for each year upon every motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer operated on the streets of the city, and (1) registered and licensed by the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, the registration for which shows an address in the city, or (2) the registration for which shows an address elsewhere in Virginia, and which vehicle has been in the city for a period of at least thirty days, or (3) registered and licensed by another state, which vehicle has been in the city for a period of at least thirty days, or (4) which is operated from a place of business within the city and which vehicle is used in the conduct of any business or occupation within the city.

Section 2. That the section number of Section 22-235A, Article XI, 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. 22-235.1.

Section 3. That Article XI, Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section numbered 22-235.2 to read as follows:

Sec. 22-235.2. Use of license plates or windshield tags before license year.

A license plate or windshield tag issued under this article for a succeeding license year may be used without penalty on and after February fifteenth of the calendar year in which such license year begins, but in no event shall any such license plate or windshield tag be used beyond the last day of the license year for which it is issued.

Section 4. That Section 22-238, Article XI, 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. 22-238. Tax on vehicles used for transportation of passengers--  
Schedule.

For the 1975 license year and each license year thereafter the annual license tax on motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers designed and used for the transportation of passengers shall be as follows:

(1) Twenty dollars for a passenger car, if such passenger car is not used for the transportation of passengers for compensation and is not kept or used for rent or for hire or is not operated under a lease without a chauffeur.

(2) Thirty cents per one hundred pounds of weight or major fraction thereof for a private motor vehicle other than a motorcycle with a normal seating capacity of more than ten adult persons, including the driver, if such private motor vehicle is not used for the transportation of passengers for compensation and is not kept or used for rent or for hire or is not operated under a lease without chauffeur; provided that in no case shall the fee be less than fifteen dollars.

(3) Thirty cents per hundred pounds of weight or major fraction thereof for a private school bus, provided that in no case shall the fee be less than fifteen dollars.

(4) Twelve dollars and fifty cents for a trailer or semi-trailer designed for use as living quarters for human beings.

(5) Five dollars in addition to eighty cents per hundred pounds of weight or major fraction thereof for each motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer kept or used for rent or for hire or operated under a lease without chauffeur for the transportation of passengers, provided that the annual license tax on passenger vehicles rented or leased for terms of not less than twelve months, without a chauffeur, shall be five dollars in addition to fifty cents per hundred pounds of weight or major fraction thereof. This subsection does not apply to vehicles used as common carriers.

(6) Five dollars in addition to ninety cents per hundred pounds of weight or major fraction thereof for a taxicab and other vehicles kept for rent or hire operated with a chauffeur for the transportation of passengers, which operates or should operate under permits issued by the state corporation commission as required by law. This subsection does not apply to vehicles used as common carriers.

(7) Eight dollars for a motorcycle.

(8) Seven dollars for a sidecar.

(9) Ten dollars for a bus used exclusively for transportation to and from Sunday school or church for the purpose of divine worship.

(10) Five dollars in addition to seventy cents per hundred pounds of weight or major fraction thereof for other passenger-carrying vehicles.

Provided however, that in addition to the fees set forth in paragraphs (1) through (10) hereinabove, a fee of five dollars shall be imposed for the licensing of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers exceeding four thousand pounds.

Section 5. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining 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 city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk 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 February 15, 1975.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.  
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: OCTOBER 22, 1974