

ORDINANCE NO. 2032

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 18A-12 and the first paragraph of Section 18A-13, Chapter 18A of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 18A relates to HUMAN RIGHTS, which Section 18A-12 relates to HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; CREATION; COMPOSITION, which Section 18A-13 relates to SAME - ORGANIZATION; MEETINGS; SECRETARY; CHAIRPERSON and which first paragraph thereof relates to VOTING AND QUORUM.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 18A-12, Chapter 18A 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. 18A-12. Human Rights Commission; creation; composition.

For the purpose of making effective the provisions of this chapter, there is hereby created a commission of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, to be known as the "Human Rights Commission", herein referred to as the commission, which shall consist of thirteen members, each of whom shall reside in the City at the time of appointment to the commission and while serving on it. They also shall be as broadly representative of residents of the City as is practicable. Of the thirteen members, ten shall be citizens at large and one each shall be members of the Economic Opportunities Commission, the Commission on the Status of Women, and the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board. All the members shall be appointed by city council. The members representing the aforementioned City boards and commissions shall be nominated by the board or commission each represents. Of the at-large members first appointed, as decided by lot, three shall be appointed for a term of one year, three for a term of two years and four for a term of three years. Thereafter, at-large members shall be appointed for terms of three years each. Any vacancy shall be filled by the council for the unexpired portion of a term. Members representing other boards or commissions shall serve co-extensive with their term on their parent body, or until such time as their parent body shall nominate and the city council shall appoint a replacement from among the members of the parent body, but under no circumstances shall any member serve on the commission beyond his or her term on the parent body. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for expenses, subject to availability of funds. On the request of any board, commission or committee of the city, the commission may invite a designated representative from such board, commission or committee to act as a participating observer at any meeting of the commission other than a hearing under Sec. 18A-18 or 18A-21 of this chapter. Also on request, the commission may provide agendas and minutes of any meeting and any other official document, except for conciliation agreements, to any other public agency, board, commission, committee or the general public.

Section 2. That the first paragraph of Section 18A-13, Chapter 18A 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:

All members of the commission shall be entitled to vote and the decisions of the commission shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. A quorum of seven members present is required before the commission may take official action or hold any hearing pursuant to this chapter. A member present but not voting shall be considered in counting a quorum. When voting on any question no proxy shall be allowed at any time.

Section 3. 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 the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: MAY 27, 1975