

ORDINANCE NO. 2041

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 6 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia 1963, as amended, by adding thereto new sections numbered 6-4.1 and 6-4.2, and to amend and reenact sections 6-4, 6-7 and 6-10 of Chapter 6 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 6 relates to BICYCLES, which Section 6-4 formerly related to WHERE OPERATION PERMITTED GENERALLY and now relates to DESIGNATION OF SIDEWALKS AS BICYCLE ROUTES, which section 6-7 relates to RIDING ABREAST, which Section 6-10 previously related to PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER; IMPOUNDING and now relates to and imposes a PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER, which new section 6-4.1 relates to DEFINITIONS and which new section 6-4.2 relates to MANNER OF OPERATING.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That sections 6-4,6-7 and 6-10 of Chapter 6 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 6-4. Designation of sidewalks as bicycle routes.

No bicycle shall be operated on any sidewalk in the city except such sidewalks or portions thereof which the city council shall by resolution designate as a bicycle route.

Sec. 6-7. Riding abreast.

Persons riding bicycles upon roadways or sidewalks designated by the city council as bicycle routes shall not ride two or more abreast.

Sec. 6-10. Penalty for violation of Chapter.

Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Section 2. That Chapter 6 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be amended by adding thereto new sections numbered 6-4.1 and 6-4.2 to read as follows:

Sec. 6-4.1. Definitions.

The following words, when used in this chapter shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bicycle. Every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over twenty inches in diameter, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels.

Roadway. That portion of a street or highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel. In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" shall refer to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

Sidewalk. That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.

Sec. 6-4.2. Manner of operating.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(b) Whenever any person shall ride a bicycle on a sidewalk designated by the city council as a bicycle route, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian or bicycle.

(c) Wherever a bicycle route designated as such pursuant to section 6-4 of this Code is provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such bicycle route and shall not use the roadway.

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 July 1, 1975.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: June 24, 1975