

AN ORDINANCE to amend Article I, Chapter 28 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new section numbered 28-5.1; which Chapter 28 relates to SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS, which Article I relates to IN GENERAL and which new Section 28-5.1 relates to and imposes a SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE CHARGE IMPOSED; PROVISIONS FOR COLLECTION; LIENS AND CESSATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR DELINQUENT CHARGES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, deems it necessary and in the public interest to raise funds to defray in part the expense to the City of maintaining its sanitary sewer lines, including but not limited to the policing and inspection thereof, the measuring, sampling and testing of sewerage discharged therein, the repairing of such lines and any costs which may be incurred in the collection of the charges imposed pursuant to this section; therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article I, Chapter 28 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 28-5.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 28-5.1. Sewer line maintenance charge imposed; provisions for collection; liens and cessation of water service for delinquent charges.

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 15.1-320(7) of the Code of Virginia, and as provided by section 15.1-321 of that Code, there is hereby imposed, upon all parcels of real estate from which sewerage is discharged into lines maintained by the City, a sewer line maintenance charge of sixty cents (60¢) per quarter or six cents (6¢) for every 1,000 gallons of water supplied per quarter to such parcel by the Virginia-American Water Company, whichever is the greater sum; provided that if the charge for water supplied to any such parcel is billed on a monthly basis, the sewer line maintenance charge imposed on such parcel shall be twenty cents (20¢) per month or six cents (6¢) for every 1,000 gallons of water supplied per month to such parcel, whichever is greater; and provided, further, that for any parcel of real estate having more than one meter for the measurement of water consumption attributable to that parcel, one or more of which meters measures only water which will not be discharged into the sanitary sewer lines of the city, that parcel shall be charged as provided herein on the total water consumption attributable to that parcel after subtracting the amount of water not discharged into the sanitary sewer lines of the city. For the purpose of this Article, bills shall be considered monthly bills if submitted twelve times per year for period of approximately one month each and quarterly bills if submitted four times per year for periods of approximately three months each. The sewer line maintenance charge shall in every case be collected by the Virginia-American Water Company from the owner, lessee or tenant of each parcel, or some or all of them, and remitted by the water company to the city in such manner and on such terms as shall be agreed upon by the water company and the city council, consistent with the provisions of this section. In the event any such charges are unpaid thirty (30) days after the date they are billed by the water company as hereinabove provided, interest shall at that time begin to accrue thereon at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, and the owner, lessee or tenant, as the case may be, of the parcel of real estate on which the charge was imposed shall until such charges shall be paid with such interest to the date of payment, cease to dispose of sewage

or industrial waste originating from or on such real estate by discharge thereof directly or indirectly into the sewer line maintenance by the city, and if such owner, lessee or tenant shall not cease such disposal within two months thereafter, the water company shall cease supplying water thereto unless the director of the Alexandria Health Department shall certify that the shutting off of the water will endanger the health of the occupants of the premise or the health of others. Such charges and interest thereon shall constitute a lien against the property, ranking on a party with liens for unpaid taxes.

Section 2. 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