

ORDINANCE NO. 2084

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (b) of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1862 of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, adopted on May 22, 1973, and made effective September 1, 1973; which subsection (b) relates to COMPOSITION OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION, which Section 1 relates to ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION; CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION, and which Ordinance No. 1862 relates to the ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (b) of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1862 of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, adopted on May 22, 1973, and made effective September 1, 1973, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall consist of fifteen (15) residents of the City, appointed by council as hereinafter set forth. Of the fifteen (15) members, five (5) shall be elected officials or their representatives or representatives of local governmental agencies and other public agencies or city appointed boards and commissions concerned with poverty and related areas (Category I). In the event the number of such elected officials reasonably available or willing to serve is fewer than five (5), other public employees may be appointed. At least five (5) members shall be representatives of the poor (Category II) who shall be nominated through a process of democratic selection procedures adequate to assure that they are representatives of the population in the target areas served. Such target areas shall be designated by the commission, subject to approval by council. The remainder of the members shall be representatives of the general civic and business community (Category III) including officials or members of industry, labor, welfare, education, or other major groups and interests in the community. The commission shall adopt rules and procedures, subject to approval by council, for a selection process whereby candidates for membership on the commission from Category II and Category III shall be nominated. Council shall appoint such nominee or nominees for Category II and Category III as are presented by the commission to council for appointment in accordance with the said rules and procedures.

The members shall be appointed by council for terms of two years, except that members of the commission as of January 17, 1976, shall complete their terms as previously established. No member in Category II or Category III shall serve more than five consecutive terms or more than a total of ten years.

Any private community agency or representative group of the poor which may feel itself inadequately represented on the commission may petition the commission for representation. The petition shall state the ground therefor, and include at least 75 signatures of persons who belong to the group. The commission, following receipt of the petition, shall hold a hearing and if it shall determine that the petitioners are inadequately represented, the commission shall certify to the city council the name of one representative selected by the petitioners. The city council shall appoint to the commission the nominee so selected subject but not limited to the provisions of this ordinance regarding qualifications. Such appointment shall be made by council notwithstanding any other provision in this section with respect to the membership of the commission.

Any candidate or nominee for membership on the commission, including a nominee by petition as provided above, may be ruled ineligible by a majority vote of all members of council if council determines that he or she is not a person of good character. Recent conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude shall be strong evidence that a person is not of good character. No person shall be ruled ineligible for membership until council has held a public hearing and afforded any such person a full and fair opportunity to hear and answer any charges made against him or her. Any such person shall be entitled to be represented by counsel at the hearing. In the event council rules that any person is ineligible for membership on the commission by this procedure, the city clerk shall promptly notify the regional office of the federal Community Services Administration, or its successor agency, of such ruling.

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 the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: JANUARY 17, 1976