

ORDINANCE NO. 2089

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 23 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new section numbered 23-49; which Chapter 23 relates to OFFENSES - MISCELLANEOUS and which new Section 23-49 sets forth REGULATIONS OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR FOR PASSENGERS AND OCCUPANTS OF WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUSES AND ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 23 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto new Section 23-49 to read as follows:

Sec. 23-49. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and school buses--prohibited conduct.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any passenger or occupant aboard a passenger bus owned or operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) or by the Alexandria City Public Schools while any such vehicle is transporting passengers in the city in regular route service or contract or charter service to:

- (1) Smoke or carry a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar or cigarette in or upon any bus;
- (2) Consume food or drink in or upon any bus;
- (3) Expectorate in, upon or out of any bus;
- (4) Discard litter in, upon or out of any bus;
- (5) Play any radio, cassette, recorder or other such instrument, except where same is connected to an earphone that limits the sound to the individual user;
- (6) Carry any flammable liquids, live animals, birds, reptiles, explosives, acids, and other dangerous articles defined in Sec. 18.2-274 (Code of Virginia) except for seeing eye dogs properly harnessed and accompanied by blind passengers, and small animals properly packaged;
- (7) Stand in front of the white line marked on the forward end of the floor of any bus, or otherwise conduct himself or herself in such manner as to obstruct the vision of the operator;
- (8) Board any bus through the rear exit door unless so directed by an employee or agent of the carrier.
- (9) Climb through a window or extend an arm, leg or head out of a window of any bus, except when necessary to preserve the safety of any person under emergency conditions.

(b) Any person violating any provision of subsection (a) above shall, for a first conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, and for a second or subsequent conviction such person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for not more than ten days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, and 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: FEBRUARY 24, 1976