

ORDINANCE NO. 2137

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 22-36 of Division 4, Article II and to amend Section 22-116 of Division 2, Article IV by adding thereto a new second paragraph, all of Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 22 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC; which Article II relates to POWER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES; SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKERS; GENERALLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, which Division 4 relates to MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, which Section 22-36 formerly related to DUTY OF POLICE TO ENFORCE CITY AND STATE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIREMEN TO DIRECT TRAFFIC and now relates to DUTY OF POLICE TO ENFORCE CITY AND STATE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIREMEN TO DIRECT TRAFFIC; AUTHORITY OF FIRE MARSHALS TO ISSUE CITATIONS, which Article IV relates to STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY, which Division 2 relates to DISPOSITION OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES, which Section 22-116 relates to ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE TO BE REMOVED and which new second paragraph thereof relates to AUTHORITY OF FIRE MARSHALS TO IMPOUND CERTAIN ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 22-36, Division 4, Article II, Chapter 22 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. 22-36. Duty of police to enforce city and state traffic regulations; authority of police and firemen to direct traffic; authority of fire marshals to issue citations.

It shall be the duty of the officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the superintendent of police to enforce all street traffic laws of this city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in this city.

With the consent of the landowner, any such officer may patrol the landowner's property to enforce state and city motor vehicle registration and licensing requirements.

Officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the superintendent of police are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws; provided, that in the event of a fire or other emergency to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws. Officers of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

The city fire marshal and deputy fire marshals are authorized to issue citations for any violation of Section 22-92, Section 22-98 (only in the case of an emergency vehicle easement sign) and Section 22-103 of this code.

Section 2. That Section 22-116, Division 2, Article IV, Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new second paragraph to read as follows:

Whenever any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer is found unattended by the owner or operator and is in violation of Section 22-92, 22-98, (only in the case of an emergency vehicle easement sign), and 22-103 of this code any such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer may be removed by or under the direction of the city fire marshal or a deputy fire marshal for safekeeping to the city vehicle impounding yard; provided, however, the city fire marshal or deputy fire marshal shall comply with all provisions of this division which relate to such removal of vehicles.

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.

FRANK E. MANN  
Mayor

Final Passage: October 26, 1976