

ORDINANCE NO. 2225

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 23-49 of Chapter 23 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, which Chapter 23 relates to OFFENSES--MISCELLANEOUS and which Section 23-49 sets forth REGULATIONS OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR FOR PASSENGERS AND OCCUPANTS OF WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUSES, RAIL TRANSIT CARS AND RAIL TRANSIT STATIONS AND ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES and provides PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 23-49, Chapter 23 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. 23-49. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority buses, rail transit cars and rail transit stations and school buses--Prohibited conduct.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any passenger or occupant aboard a passenger bus or rail transit car 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, or any person within any rail transit station in the city, to:

- (1) Smoke or carry a lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar or cigarette;
- (2) Consume food or drink;
- (3) Expectorate;
- (4) Discard litter;
- (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 section 18.2-274 of the 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 its 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;
- (10) Refuse to pay the established fare;

(11) Refuse to leave a bus or rail transit car or rail transit station after having been ordered to do so by the operator of a bus or rail transit car or other agent of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

(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 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: November 22, 1977