

ORDINANCE NO. 2226

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 4-16 and 4-22.2, all of Article III of Chapter 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, which Chapter 4 relates to ANIMALS AND FOWL, which Article III thereof relates to DOGS, which Section 4-16 thereof relates to INOCULATION AGAINST RABIES, and which Section 4-22.2 thereof relates to LICENSE TAX IMPOSED, TAX RATES; WHEN TAX PAYABLE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 4-16, Article III, Chapter 4 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. 4-16. Inoculation against rabies.

It shall be the duty of every resident of the city owning or in possession of a dog four months old or older within the city to have such dog inoculated with an anti-rabic vaccine approved by the director of public health, which inoculation shall be repeated as often as the director of public health may from time to time specify. The expense of inoculation of dogs against rabies shall be borne by the owners of such dogs. Such inoculation shall be made by any licensed veterinarian. A certificate of vaccination shall be presented by the veterinarian to the health department for registration within ten days after inoculation.

Section 2. That Section 4-22.2, Article III, Chapter 4 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. 4-22.2. Same--Tax imposed; tax rates; when tax payable.

There is hereby imposed an annual license tax on dogs, except seeing eye dogs used for that purpose, for each calendar year at the following rates and due and payable as follows:

(a) For any male or female dog which shall be six months old or over on or before January thirty-first of the year, the license tax for that year shall be ten dollars and shall be paid on or before January thirty-first of said year.

(b) If any male or female dog shall become six months of age or come into the possession of any owner between January thirty-first and November first of any year, the license tax for that year shall be ten dollars and shall be paid forthwith.

(c) If any male or female dog shall become six months of age or come into the possession of any owner after October thirty-first of any year, the license tax of ten dollars for the succeeding calendar year shall be paid forthwith and such license shall cover such dog from the date of coming of age or into possession.

(d) For any unsexed dog (a neuter), the provisions of this section with respect to other dogs shall apply but the annual license tax shall be two dollars.

(e) If any dog coming into the possession of an owner in the city on or before October thirty-first of any year has a current license in some other jurisdiction, a full credit shall be allowed on the cost of obtaining the first city license.

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: November 22, 1977