

ORDINANCE NO. 2250

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-19 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 relates to DOGS, which Chapter 4-19 thereof formerly related to FEMALE DOGS IN SEASON; ALLOWING DOG TO URINATE, ETC.; NOISY DOGS; OFFENSIVE ODORS FROM DOGS; DOGS PROHIBITED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS and now relates to FEMALE DOGS IN SEASON; ALLOWING DOG TO URINATE, ETC.; NOISY DOGS; OFFENSIVE ODORS FROM DOGS; DOGS PROHIBITED ON POSTED PLAYGROUND AREAS AND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 4-19, 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. 4-19. Female dogs in season; allowing dog to urinate, etc.; noisy dogs; offensive odors from dogs; dogs prohibited on posted playground areas and on school grounds.

The following things are declared nuisances and are prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in control of a dog to:

- (a) Fail to keep his female dog confined during the entire time such dog is in season in a building or secure enclosure in such a manner that such female dog cannot come into contact with a male dog except for planned breeding.
- (b) Knowingly or willfully allow his dog to urinate or defecate on the private property of other persons without their consent or that of the authorized agent of the one having control of the premises.
  - (b.1) Knowingly or willfully allow his dog to urinate or defecate on public property, except curbs of streets and areas posted by the city manager as dog exercise areas, except that defecation by a dog in an area not designated for that purpose by this section shall not constitute a violation of this section if the owner of the dog immediately removes the material defecated and disposes of it in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.
- (c) Keep dogs which bark or howl to such extent as to annoy any resident or citizen or keep dogs in such a manner as to cause offensive odors.
- (d) Permit his dog, except a seeing eye dog, to go upon any public property posted by the city manager as a playground area, or upon the grounds of any public school building.

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: April 25, 1978