

ORDINANCE NO. 2395

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (a), Section 23-17, Chapter 23 and to further amend the aforesaid chapter by adding thereto a new section numbered 23-18.1, all of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 23 relates to OFFENSES--MISCELLANEOUS, which Section 23-17 relates to BINGO GAMES AND RAFFLES ALLOWED CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS WITH PERMIT--REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES; REVOCATION OF PERMITS; APPEALS AND PENALTIES, which subsection (a) thereof relates to BINGO GAMES AND RAFFLES--ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR PERMIT and which new Section 23-18.1 relates to PLAYING OF "INSTANT BINGO" PROHIBITED.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (a), Section 23-17, 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. 23-17. Bingo games and raffles allowed certain organizations with permit--Regulations and procedures; revocation of permits; appeals and penalties.

(a) Section 23-16 shall not apply to any bingo game or raffle, except "instant bingo" conducted solely by any of the following:

(1) A voluntary fire department or rescue squad which has been recognized by an ordinance or resolution of the political subdivision where the voluntary fire department or rescue squad is located as being part of the safety program of such political subdivision.

(2) An organization, which for purposes of this section, shall be defined as any of the following which operates without profit and which has been in existence continuously for a period of two years immediately prior to seeking a permit as hereinafter provided:

(i) A corporation, trust, church, association, community chest, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, community or educational purposes;

(ii) Posts or associations of war veterans or auxiliary units or societies of any such posts or associations, if such posts, associations, units or societies are organized in the United States or any of its possessions;

(iii) A fraternal society, order or association operating under the lodge system;

(iv) A corporation or association organized and operated exclusively for the restoration and maintenance of historic gardens and the general promotion of beautiful gardens.

Section 2. 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 a new section numbered 23-18.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 23-18.1. Playing of "instant bingo" prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to play "instant bingo."

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 upon its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

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