

ORDINANCE NO. 2428

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 26-8, 26-9 and 26-10, to amend Chapter 26 by adding a new section numbered 26-16.1 and to amend and reordain Section 26-17, Chapter 26 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 26 relates to RAT CONTROL, which Section 26-8 relates to STORAGE OF FOOD AND FEED, which Section 26-9 relates to FEEDING OF BIRDS OR POULTRY, which Section 26-10 relates to CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE, ETC.; USE OF DUMPS, which new Section 26-16.1 relates to ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER and which Section 26-17 relates to COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 26-8, Chapter 26 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. 26-8. Storage of food and feed.

All food and feed within the city for feeding dogs, cats, chickens, cows, pigs, horses, birds and other animals and fowl shall be stored in rat-free and rat-proof containers, compartments or rooms unless stored in a rat-proof building.

Section 2. That Section 26-9, Chapter 26 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. 26-9. Feeding of birds or poultry.

When feeding birds or poultry, the feed shall be placed on raised platforms or in some other manner so that it will not be accessible to rats. Such feed shall not be spread upon the ground or any place or in any manner that would allow it to be accessible to rats. Bird feeders shall be elevated at least eighteen (18) inches above the ground and shall be inaccessible to rats.

Section 3. That Section 26-10, Chapter 26 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. 26-10. Containers for garbage, etc.; use of dumps.

Within the city, all garbage or refuse consisting of waste animal or vegetable matter upon which rats may feed, and all small dead animals, shall be placed and stored until collected in approved waste containers as provided in chapter 32A of this Code. No person shall dump on any premises, land or place, public or private, any dead animals, waste vegetable or animal matter of any kind, except on official city disposal sites or other places authorized by the director.

Section 4. That Chapter 26 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 26-16.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 26-16.1. Enforcement of chapter.

(a) The director of public health of the city or his authorized representative shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The city manager may, upon the request of the director, allocate such resources and personnel of the city as he may deem necessary to assist the director in the enforcement of such provisions of this chapter as the city manager shall specifically designate.

Section 5. That Section 26-17, Chapter 26 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. 26-17. Compliance with chapter.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this chapter. Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. 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.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.  
Mayor

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