

ORDINANCE NO. 2439

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 18-8, 18-9 and 18-19, Article II, Chapter 18 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 18 relates to HOUSING STANDARDS, which Article II relates to STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT, which Section 18-8 relates to ROOMING HOUSES-- PERMIT TO OPERATE--INSPECTION PREREQUISITE TO ISSUANCE; NOTICE OF DENIAL, which Section 18-9 relates to ROOMING HOUSES-- PERMIT TO OPERATE--SUSPENSION and which Section 18-19 formerly related to INSPECTIONS GENERALLY; RIGHT OF ENTRY OF DIRECTOR OR REPRESENTATIVE; RIGHT OF ENTRY OF OWNER, ETC., TO MAKE REPAIRS, ETC. and now relates to INSPECTIONS GENERALLY.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 18-8, Article II, Chapter 18 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. 18-8. Same--Same--Inspection prerequisite to issuance; notice of denial.

The director shall, before granting a rooming house permit, cause the rooming house to be inspected, and shall not issue a permit unless the rooming house is in compliance with this chapter and all applicable provisions of chapters 7, 10, 14, 25, 28 and 42 of this Code. In instances where a permit is denied, the director shall serve a notice of that fact stating the reasons therefor.

Section 2. That Section 18-9, Article II, Chapter 18 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. 18-9. Same--Same--Suspension.

Whenever conditions or practices violating any provision of this chapter or any provision of chapters 7, 10, 14, 25, 28 or 42 of this Code are found to exist in a rooming house operating under a permit issued by virtue of section 18-7 of this Code, the director shall give notice in writing to the operator of such rooming house that unless such conditions or practices are corrected within a reasonable period to be determined by the director, the operator's rooming house permit will be suspended. At the end of such period, the director shall have such rooming house inspected, and if he finds that such conditions or practices have not been corrected, he shall give notice in writing to the operator that the latter's permit has been suspended. Upon receipt of notice of suspension, such operator shall immediately cease operation of such rooming house, and no person shall occupy for sleeping or living purposes any rooming unit therein.

Section 3. That Section 18-19, Article II, Chapter 18 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. 18-19. Inspections generally.

The director and his duly authorized representatives shall make inspections to determine the condition of dwellings, dwelling units and premises located within the city, in order that he may perform his duty of safeguarding the health and safety of the occupants of dwellings and of the general public. For the purpose of making such inspections, the director and his duly authorized representatives are hereby authorized to enter, examine and survey, during daylight, at reasonable times and hours, and in such manner to cause the least possible inconvenience, all dwellings, dwelling units, rooming units and premises.

Section 4. 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

Final Passage: February 26, 1980