

ORDINANCE NO. 2484

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain definitions in and add a new definition to Section 37-1, Section 37-2 and the first paragraph of Section 37-6, Division 1; Section 37-8, Division 2; Section 37-21, Division 3 and Section 37-47, Division 4, Article I, Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 37 relates to TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE, which Article I relates to TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES, which Division 1 relates to GENERALLY, which Section 37-1 relates to DEFINITIONS, which new definition relates to STREETS, which Section 37-2 relates to COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE, which Section 37-6 relates to INSURANCE OR BOND REQUIRED; which Division 2 relates to CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, which Section 37-8 relates to REQUIRED; which Division 3 relates to DRIVER'S PERMIT, which Section 37-21 relates to REQUIRED; which Division 4 relates to EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF VEHICLES and which Section 37-47 relates to VEHICLES TO BE IN SAFE CONDITION.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That of Section 37-1, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 37 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained by amending the following definitions and adding alphabetically the new definition of "street" to read as follows:

Cruising. The driving of a taxicab or other for-hire vehicle on the streets, alleys or public places of the commonwealth in search of, or soliciting prospective passengers for hire.

For-hire vehicle. Any passenger-carrying, motor-propelled vehicle, with or without a taximeter, maintained for limited hire by the public with a chauffeur or driver or agent of the owner thereof or by the owner acting as chauffeur or driver and operated or driven on the streets of the commonwealth in the transportation of restricted classes of passengers, whether over regular or irregular routes, but not including buses or taxicabs.

Hack inspector. The police officer designated by the chief of police to fill this position.

Street. The entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel in the commonwealth including streets, highways, alleys and publicly maintained parking lots.

Taxicab. Any passenger-carrying, self-propelled motor vehicle maintained for hire by the public with a chauffeur or driver or agent of the owner thereof or by the owner acting as the chauffeur or driver, and operated or driven on the streets of the commonwealth in the transportation of passengers for compensation, but not including buses or for-hire vehicles.

Section 2. That Section 37-2, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 37 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. 37-2. Compliance with article.

It shall be unlawful to operate or drive any taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the city on the streets of the commonwealth unless the owner and driver thereof shall conform to and comply with the provisions, terms and conditions of this article.

Section 3. That the first paragraph of Section 37-6, Division 1, Article I, Chapter 37 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:

It shall be unlawful for any taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the city to operate on the streets of the commonwealth and no certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be issued therefore, unless and until there is in full force and effect and filed with the hack inspector for the city either:

Section 4. That Section 37-8, Division 2, Article I, Chapter 37 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. 37-8. Required.

No taxicab or for-hire vehicle to be licensed by the city shall be operated or caused to be operated upon the streets of the commonwealth as a vehicle for hire until a valid certificate of public convenience and necessity for such taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall have been issued to the bona fide owner under the provisions of this article, and it shall be unlawful to operate or cause to be operated any such vehicle under an expired, suspended or revoked certificate.

Section 5. That Section 37-21, Division 3, Article I, Chapter 37 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. 37-21. Required.

No person shall operate a taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the city upon the streets of the commonwealth, and no person who owns or controls a taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the city shall permit it to be so driven, and no taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the city shall be so driven at any time for hire, unless the driver of such taxicab or for-hire vehicle shall have first obtained and shall have then in force a taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver's permit issued under the provisions of this article.

Section 6. That Section 37-47, Division 4, Article I, Chapter 37 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. 37-47. Vehicles to be in safe condition.

Every vehicle and the equipment used in connection therewith, operated on the streets of the commonwealth pursuant to this article, shall, at all times, be kept in proper and safe physical condition to the satisfaction of the hack inspector.

Section 7. 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 July 1, 1980.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: June 14, 1980