

ORDINANCE NO. 2498

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-17, Article III, 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 and which Section 4-17 relates to PROCEDURE AS TO DOGS SUSPECTED OF HAVING RABIES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 4-17, 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. 4-17. Procedure as to dogs suspected of having rabies.

Dogs suspected of having rabies and exhibiting the common symptoms of such disease shall be impounded either at the animal shelter or at a private veterinarian's establishment in solitary confinement and kept under observation for a period of ten (10) days. At the time any such dog is impounded an attempt shall be made by the dog warden or a deputy dog warden to find out whether or not the dog has been previously inoculated against rabies. If it is found that such dog has not been effectively inoculated or there is any doubt as to whether or not the dog has in fact been inoculated, then such dog shall be inoculated on the last day of the above-mentioned observation period. The director of public health is hereby given authority to cause to be destroyed any dog which in his opinion has rabies, and to have the head of such dog examined. All expenses in connection with the provisions of this section shall be borne by the owner of the dog in question.

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.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: June 14, 1980