

ORDINANCE NO. 2541

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the title, third introductory paragraph and the second paragraph of Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2205 finally passed on September 17, 1977; which Ordinance No. 2205 relates to WATER CONSERVATION, which title relates to CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED TO ENCOURAGE WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS; which third introductory paragraph relates to WATER SHORTAGE MAY REQUIRE CURTAILMENT OF CERTAIN WATER USES and which second paragraph of Section 2 relates to STAGE II MANDATORY CONSERVATION MEASURES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the title of Ordinance No. 2205, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the city council to encourage water conservation efforts; authorizing the city council to direct the city manager to prohibit or curtail the use of water for certain purposes for the duration of the water shortage or for a lesser period; defining the terms pertaining thereto; providing various stages of water use restriction or curtailment; providing for the termination of emergency restrictions on water use; imposing penalties for violations and providing separability clause.

Section 2. That the third introductory paragraph of Ordinance No. 2205, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the emergency caused by a shortage of water may require immediate governmental action directed toward the mandatory curtailment of certain water uses in the City of Alexandria; therefore,

Section 3. That the second paragraph of Section 2, Ordinance No. 2205, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Stage II. Mandatory conservation measures. Upon a determination by the city council that the severity of the water shortage shall require mandatory conservation measures, the city council shall, pursuant to sections 44-146.16 and 15.1-37.3:4, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, take action, including the delegation of such authority to the city manager as the city council may deem necessary, to prevent or alleviate the hardship or suffering threatened by the water shortage including but not limited to the imposition of mandatory water use restrictions or curtailments. The city council may authorize the city manager, after

notice has been given to the general public, to order the restricted use or absolute curtailment of the use of water for certain purposes for the duration of the water shortage, or for a lesser period, in the stages set forth below.

Section 4. That in the opinion of the city council an emergency exists and this ordinance is hereby declared an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE in order to allow city council to order restrictive measures to conserve the existing water supply in the Occoquan Reservoir.

Section 5. 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 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:      January 27, 1981