

ORDINANCE NO. 2571

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 37-20, Division 2, by adding a new subsection lettered (i) and relettering existing subsection (i); and to amend Division 4 by adding two new sections numbered 37-64.1 and 37-70.1, all of 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 2 relates to CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, which Section 37-20 relates to SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION, which new subsection (i) relates to FAILURE TO MAINTAIN TWO-WAY RADIOS, which existing subsection (i) relates to WILLFUL OR CONTINUED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, which Division 4 relates to EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF VEHICLES, which new Section 37-64.1 relates to REQUIREMENTS FOR ADEQUATE SERVICE and which new Section 37-70.1 relates to TWO-WAY RADIOS IN TAXICABS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 37-20, 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 by adding a new subsection (i) and relettering existing subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) Failure to maintain a two-way radio in proper working order at all times.

(j) Willful or continued failure to comply with the provisions of this article or any other law regulating vehicles in the city.

Section 2. That 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 by adding a new section numbered 37-64.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 37-64.1. Requirements for adequate service.

Any taxicab company, association or fleet which has been granted a certificate to adopt and maintain a color scheme pursuant to section 37-64 of this chapter shall:

(a) Provide twenty-four (24) hour service.

(b) Provide a radio dispatch service located within the boundaries of the City of Alexandria.

(c) Have a business office and maintain records within the boundaries of the City of Alexandria.

(d) Have a minimum number of ten (10) taxicabs of the same color scheme.

Section 3. That 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 by adding a new section numbered 37-70.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 37-70.1. Two-way radios in taxicabs.

Every taxicab licensed by the City of Alexandria shall be equipped with a two-way radio, properly installed and kept in working order at all times. Such radios will operate within the commercial bands designated by the Federal Communications Commission and all radio (station) operations must comply with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Each mobil radio unit will have the ability to conduct a two-way conversation with the base station of the taxicab company, association or fleet for which the taxicab is operating. The hack inspector shall be provided with the serial number of each radio.

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: May 16, 1981