

ORDINANCE NO. 2579

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 2 by adding a new article numbered XV-A; to amend and reordain Section 2-156, Article XVII; and to amend and reordain Section 2-176, Division 3, Article XX, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 2 relates to ADMINISTRATION, which new article numbered XV-A relates to DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, which Article XVII relates to COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, which Section 2-156 relates to APPOINTMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, which Article XX relates to AREA AGENCY ON AGING, ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON AGING AND ALEXANDRIA OFFICE ON AGING, which Division 3 relates to ALEXANDRIA OFFICE ON AGING and which Section 2-176 relates to ESTABLISHED; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; ORGANIZATION.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding a new article numbered XV-A to read as follows:

Article XV-A. Department of Human Services.

Sec. 2-138.1. Established.

There is hereby established, under the city manager, a department of the government of the city to be known as the department of human services.

Sec. 2-138.2. Director of department--Appointment and removal.

The head of the department of human services shall be appointed and removed by the city manager as provided by law.

Sec. 2-138.3. Same--Qualifications.

The director of human services shall be a person who has had training and experience in human services and related fields.

Sec. 2-138.4. Same--Powers and duties.

The director of human services, under the city manager, shall have the general direction of the department of human services. He or she shall administer the functions, duties and responsibilities assigned him or her or his or her department by section 2-138.5, by law or by the city manager. He or she may, under the city manager, establish, alter or abolish divisions and other classifications within the department.

Sec. 2-138.5. Functions, duties and responsibilities.

The following are assigned to the department of human services:

Human services activities, including but not limited to:

(1) The preparation and carrying out of plans and programs to address the human services needs of citizens of all ages.

(2) Advice to the city manager and the city council concerning human service activities and programs.

(3) Advice and consultation with city departments, agencies, boards and commissions concerning human services activities programs.

(4) Advice and consultation with citizens and civic groups concerning human services activities and programs.

(5) To convene on a regular basis meetings with representatives of all boards and commissions which advise the department of human services in order to discuss planning and policy coordination to share information and to discuss other matters of mutual concern.

(6) Coordination of human services programs within the city.

It is understood that the term "human services" is to be broadly construed and shall include, but is not limited to, the provision of financial, vocational training, counseling and various social services for citizens of all ages.

Section 2. That Section 2-156, Article XVII, Chapter 2 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. 2-156. Appointment and functions of executive director.

The director of the department of human services shall appoint an executive director to the commission upon consideration of the recommendations of the commission with respect to such appointment. Such executive director shall report directly to the director of the department of human services and may be removed for cause by the director of the department of human services. The executive director shall provide such staff assistance to the commission as it may determine to be necessary and proper in furtherance of the functions and duties of the commission, subject to the availability of funds.

Section 3. That Section 2-176, Division 3, Article XX, Chapter 2 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. 2-176. Established; executive director; organization.

There is hereby established under the city manager an office of the government of the city to be known as the Alexandria Office on Aging. The head of the Alexandria Office on Aging shall be the executive director, who shall be appointed and removed by the director of the department of human services. The director of the department of human services shall organize the office on aging with the advice and recommendation of the commission on aging.

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: June 13, 1981