

ORDINANCE NO. 3123

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 13-1-36, Chapter 1, Title 13 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 13 relates to MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, which Chapter 1 relates to GENERAL OFFENSES and which Section 13-1-36 relates to MOORING, TYING UP, ETC., VESSELS TO CITY PROPERTY WITHOUT CITY COUNCIL'S PERMISSION; ANCHORING BETWEEN PIERHEAD LINE AND CITY LAND WITHOUT CITY COUNCIL'S PERMISSION; PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 13-1-35, Title 13, Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 13-1-36. Mooring, tying up, etc., vessels to city property without city council's permission; anchoring between pierhead line and city land without city council's permission; penalties for violations.

(a) Except as hereinafter provided for breakdown, distress or emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to moor, tie up, beach or land any boat, ship, yacht or other vessel in, on or along the Potomac River, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, at, to or upon any dock, wharf, pier, bulkhead, dolphin, buoy, piling, quay, shoreline, street extension or landing that is owned, used, operated, occupied or claimed by the City of Alexandria, Virginia, without first obtaining the permission of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, or, where authorization to grant the above has been delegated to the city manager or his designee, the permission of the city manager or his designee.

(b) Except as hereinafter provided for breakdown, distress or emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to anchor any boat, ship, yacht or other vessel in any portion of the Potomac River in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, between the pierhead line and land to the west thereof that is owned, used, operated, occupied or claimed by the City of Alexandria, Virginia, without first obtaining the permission of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, or, where authorization to grant the above has been delegated to the city manager or his designee, the permission of the city manager or his designee.

(c) In the event of breakdown, distress or emergency, persons may moor, tie up, beach, land or anchor vessels with respect to the above-mentioned city property for a period of time not to exceed 72 hours. No person shall allow any vessel to remain

moored, tied up, beached, landed or anchored in excess of 24 hours without first obtaining the permission of the city manager or his duly authorized representative. In no event shall the city manager or his representative grant permission to remain in excess of 30 days.

(d) The city manager or his designee is hereby authorized to grant the permission required under subsections (a) or (b), above, to commercial vessels when the use of the city dock, wharf, pier, bulkhead, dolphin, buoy, piling, quay, shoreline, street extension or landing by any commercial vessel shall not exceed four (4) times per month. The city manager is further authorized to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. Commercial vessels that dock more than four (4) times per month must continue to seek city council authority as specified in this section.

(e) Any person violating any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.  
Mayor

Final Passage: April 12, 1986