

ORDINANCE NO. 3263

AN ORDINANCE to repeal Ordinance No. 2928 and to amend Chapter 4, Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding a new Article D; which Article D relates to ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT, which Chapter 4 relates to COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS and which Title 2 relates to GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Commission on Employment was established by Resolution No. 832, adopted January 12, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 832 was repealed by Ordinance No. 2928, adopted June 18, 1984, which provided for the continuation of the Alexandria Commission on Employment with certain changes in the commission's purposes and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the commission and the city manager have recommended certain changes to effect a merger of the commission with the Alexandria component of the Alexandria/Arlington Private Industry Council, created pursuant to the Job Training Partnership Act; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 2928, adopted June 18, 1984, be and the same hereby is repealed and the Alexandria Commission on Employment, established by Ordinance No. 2928, be and the same hereby is abolished.

Section 2. That Chapter 4, Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding a new Article D to read as follows:

ARTICLE D

Alexandria Commission on Employment

Sec. 2-4-41. Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a commission to be known as the "Alexandria Commission on Employment" (the "commission").

(b) The commission shall consist of 13 commissioners appointed by the city council to provide representation for the following groups:

(1) seven business representatives from among recognized area businesses, including minority-owned and small businesses;

(2) three representatives from institutions mandated in the Job Training Partnership Act; and

(3) three citizens-at-large.

(c) No later than February 1, 1988, the persons who, on January 23, 1988, served on the previously constituted Alexandria Commission on Employment ("ACE") shall be invited by the city clerk to serve on the commission. The clerk shall record the responses to this invitation and shall submit a listing to the city council. All persons accepting the invitation shall serve on the commission until the expiration of their unexpired term on the ACE or January 23, 1989, whichever is earlier. If, at any time, such persons number fewer than 13 or do not provide the representation required by subsection (b), additional appointments to the commission shall be made in the manner prescribed in article A of this chapter.

(d) Except as provided above in subsection (c), all appointments to the commission shall be made in the manner prescribed in article A of this chapter.

Sec. 2-4-42. Functions; powers; duties.

(a) The functions of the commission shall be the following:

(1) to develop a city-wide plan for employment services that reflects the goals of linking existing city employment and training programs with employment and training programs operated by the city school system and with the economic development program operated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with city council;

(2) to obtain citizen input into the planning, oversight and evaluation of all projects carried out by the Office of Employment Training;

(3) to develop and coordinate relationships among employment and training programs, educational institutions and the private sector;

(4) to promote and evaluate private sector activities that may be funded by the city or provided through grant funds from federal or state sources;

(5) to provide information to city council on local labor market trends for consideration in the development of employment and training programs for the city;

(6) to review and provide comments to city council on the impact of the city's economic development program on the local labor market;

(7) to assist city council and the staff of the department of human services and the office of employment

training in determining how better to meet the needs of private businesses in placing city residents who are unemployed or economically disadvantaged into unsubsidized employment; and

(8) to serve as the Alexandria component of the Alexandria/Arlington Private Industry Council and to provide policy guidance for, and exercise oversight with respect to, activities under the Job Training Partnership Act plan for the Alexandria/Arlington service delivery area.

(b) In order to carry out its functions, the commission is authorized to and shall:

(1) coordinate its activities with those of other relevant public advisory bodies within the city;

(2) periodically assess the effectiveness of job training activities in Alexandria; and

(3) submit to city council an annual report which addresses the impact of its activities on services delivered to low-income residents and the benefits derived from its activities by the private business community.

Sec. 2-4-43. Staff assistance.

The director of the department of human services shall be responsible for the assignment of staff support to the commission to assist the commission in the exercise of its functions, powers and duties.

Section 3. 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 requests. 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 on the date of its final passage.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: January 23, 1988