

ORDINANCE NO. 3445

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (a) (REGULAR APPOINTMENTS) of Section 2-5-2 (APPOINTMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL) and subsection (a) (REGULAR APPOINTMENTS) of Section 2-5-3 (APPOINTMENTS BY CITY MANAGER), of Chapter 5 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (a) of Section 2-5-2 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. 2-5-2 Appointments by city council.

(a) Before electing or appointing any city officer authorized by the charter or by statute, whether the same is an original appointment or an appointment to fill a vacancy, the city council shall cause public notice in a manner to be specified by it to be given of the impending appointment. Such notice may be given first to all persons in the employ of the city, or of any constitutional officer who, or independent agency or authority which, has elected to come under the city's personnel system for the purpose of giving employees preference in promotional opportunities and such election has been approved by the city manager. In the event no person already in the employ of the city, or of such officer, agency or authority, is appointed, such notice shall then be given to the public at large. Written application for any appointive position shall be made to the city council through the mayor, and each application shall give the name, educational background and practical experience of the applicant. Only applicants who have made written application shall be considered, and no such appointment shall be made by the city council until the expiration of two weeks from the time public notice is given and until the city council is satisfied that the applicant to be chosen has the necessary qualifications, ability and fitness for the position and office.

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Section 2. That Section 2-5-3 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. 2-5-3 Appointments by city manager.

(a) Before appointing any department head or similar officer of the city which he is authorized by law to appoint whether the same is an original appointment or an appointment to fill a vacancy, the city manager shall cause public notice in a manner

to be specified by him to be given of the impending appointment. Such notice may be given first to all persons in the employ of the city, or of any constitutional officer who, or independent agency or authority which, has elected to come under the city's personnel system for the purpose of giving employees preference in promotional opportunities and such election has been approved by the city manager. In the event no person already in the employ of the city, or of such officer, agency or authority, is appointed, such notice shall then be given to the public at large. Written application for such appointive position shall be made to the city manager, and each application shall give the name, educational background and practical experience of the applicant. Only applicants who have made written application shall be considered, and no appointment shall be made by the city manager until the expiration of two weeks from the time public notice is given and until the city manager is satisfied that the applicant to be chosen has the necessary qualifications, ability and fitness for the position and office.

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Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: March 24, 1990