

ORDINANCE NO. 3758

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 1-2-1 (ESTABLISHED), 1-2-3 (SAME--MEMBERSHIP; APPOINTMENT; COMPENSATION; STRUCTURE), and 1-2-5 (SAME--POWERS AND DUTIES), of Chapter 2 (SISTER CITIES), Title 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

WHEREAS, the City of Leninakan, Armenia, has formally changed its name to Gyumri, Armenia; and

WHEREAS, the title "Sister City Committee" more accurately reflects the ongoing and active relationship between the City of Alexandria and the City of Gyumri than does the title "Exchange Committee;" and

WHEREAS, the title "Sister City Committee" more closely conforms to the practice of other sister city organizations in this country and abroad than does the title "Exchange Committee;" and

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 1-2-1 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. 1-2-1 Established.

The cities of Dundee, Scotland, Helsingborg, Sweden, Caen, France, and Gyumri, Armenia, are adopted and established as sister cities to Alexandria, Virginia.

Section 2. That Section 1-2-3 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. 1-2-3 Same--membership; appointment; compensation; structure.

(a) The committee shall consist of 17 members, of which 13 shall be voting members and two shall be nonvoting members, appointed by the city council from the organizations and citizenry listed below. The members shall serve without compensation and at the will of the council.

- (1) City council, one nonvoting member;
- (2) Public school board, one nonvoting member;
- (3) Board of directors of the convention and visitors bureau, one voting member;
- (4) Citizens, 10 voting members;

(5) Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee, two voting members;

(b) In addition, there shall be one nonvoting member designated by the chief of police and one nonvoting member designated by the fire chief.

(c) The 12 voting members referenced in subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5), shall serve two-year terms, which terms shall be staggered so that six members appointed from these designations shall be appointed annually; provided, that one of the initial appointments pursuant to subsection (a)(5) shall be for a two-year term, and the other shall be for a one-year term. In the event of a vacancy on the committee, council shall appoint a new member to serve for the duration of the unexpired term. From and after June 15, 1990, voting members appointed to the committee pursuant to subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5), shall express on their applications for appointment a primary interest in one of the four sister cities, it being the intent of this chapter to achieve, among committee members, a balance in interest and support for each of the sister cities.

(d) The committee shall establish and maintain the following standing subcommittees:

- (1) Helsingborg subcommittee;
- (2) Dundee subcommittee;
- (3) Caen subcommittee;
- (4) Gyumri subcommittee.

The committee may establish other subcommittees from time to time.

Section 3. That Section 1-2-5 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. 1-2-5 Same--powers and duties.

It shall be the duty of the committee to:

(1) plan, develop, encourage and promote educational, professional, commercial and cultural exchanges between the cities of Dundee, Scotland, Helsingborg, Sweden, Caen, France, and Gyumri, Armenia, and the City of Alexandria; and

(2) to coordinate activities within the city relating to such exchanges.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

PATRICIA S. TICER
Mayor

Final Passage: November 12, 1994