

ORDINANCE NO. 3782

AN ORDINANCE to add a new Article J (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS) to Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria finds and determines that:

1. The council is committed to promoting all aspects of the arts and furthering cultural development in the City of Alexandria;
2. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts was established by Resolution No. 1209, adopted on November 11, 1986;
3. It is desirable to expand the membership and update the mission statement governing the Commission for the Arts, in accordance with the "Strategic Plan for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts," formulated by the commission and approved by council on December 17, 1994; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 4 of Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new Article J to read as follows:

ARTICLE J

Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Sec. 2-4-90 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a standing commission known as the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

(b) The commission shall consist of 15 members to be appointed by the city council. The composition of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) five members shall have expertise in the arts, either as practitioners of various art disciplines or as professional administrators working in the field;

(2) five members shall represent the public at large, as arts consumers and participants;

(3) five members shall represent arts, educational or business expertise relative to arts and cultural development, including such perspectives as marketing, finance/funding, tourism promotion and organizational development.

(c) Members of the commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by article A of this chapter. The members shall serve for a term of three years, except in the case of an appointment to fill the unexpired portion of a term; provided, that the members of the commission in office as of February 25, 1995, shall continue to serve the unexpired portion of their term of office.

Sec. 2-4-91 Function; powers; duties.

(a) The functions of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) to support the development and expansion of the arts and the expansion of public access to and participation in the arts, in Alexandria;

(2) to serve as an advisory body for the arts in Alexandria;

(3) to advise the city council concerning appropriate policies that will strengthen the arts and further public access to the arts in Alexandria;

(4) to serve as the single funding source for all activities concerning arts which are not conducted as part of the regularly scheduled city program, including:

(a) the establishment and periodic review of criteria and standards for grant applications for city funds and accountability for the use of such funds, and

(b) the allocation to particular arts activities from such funds as may be appropriated from time to time by the city council for such purpose;

(5) to seek national, state and private support on behalf of the arts in Alexandria, and

(6) to prepare and submit to city council a cultural plan for the City of Alexandria and revisions thereto.

(b) The commission is empowered to adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure and other matters so long as the same are not inconsistent with the city code, including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees through which to carry on its functions and purpose.

(c) A commission chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the commission members at the organizational meeting designated in the commission's bylaws.

(d) The commission shall hold at least 10 regular meetings each year, and as many special meetings as the commission may deem advisable.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

PATRICIA S. TICER
Mayor

Final Passage: February 25, 1995