

ORDINANCE NO. 3787

AN ORDINANCE to add a new Article C (AUXILIARY POLICE) to Chapter 1 (POLICE PROTECTION), Title 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 1, Title 4 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 C, to read as follows:

ARTICLE C

Auxiliary Police

Sec. 4-1-31 Establishment of auxiliary police force.

The chief of police is authorized to establish, equip and maintain an auxiliary police force.

Sec. 4-1-32 Eligibility.

Any citizen of the United States over 21 years of age who resides in the city or whose principal place of business or employment is in the city shall be eligible to apply for appointment to the auxiliary police force.

Sec. 4-1-33 Appointment and training.

(a) The chief of police is authorized to appoint as auxiliary police officers as many persons of good character as may be deemed necessary. The chief of police is further authorized to revoke the appointment of an auxiliary police officer at any time.

(b) The chief of police shall prescribe and implement application, screening, testing and background investigation procedures applicable to auxiliary police officers. All auxiliary police officers shall successfully complete the training requirements prescribed by the chief of police.

Sec. 4-1-34 Powers and authority.

(a) Auxiliary police officers shall have the powers, authority and immunities of full-time sworn law enforcement officers, subject to any limitations set out in policies or directives issued under subsection (b).

(b) The chief of police shall develop written policies and directives specifying the scope of auxiliary police officer duties, the manner in which such officers shall be utilized and any limitations on their authority.

Sec. 4-1-35 Compensation; indemnification.

(a) Auxiliary police officers shall serve without compensation, and shall constitute volunteers for, and not employees of, the City of Alexandria. The city manager is authorized to obtain insurance providing benefits for auxiliary officers in the event they suffer an accidental death or dismemberment during the course and scope of their duties.

(b) The liability, if any, of the city to indemnify auxiliary police officers for personal injuries or property damage they may cause as a result of acts or omissions occurring within the course and scope of their duties as auxiliary officers shall be as defined in the city's self-insurance program.

Sec. 4-1-36 Calling auxiliary police into service.

The chief of police may, at his discretion, call auxiliary police officers into service to aid and assist regular sworn law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 4-1-37 Activities beyond city boundaries

Auxiliary police officers shall not act outside the boundaries of the city, except when called upon to protect property of the city located beyond its boundaries or when acting in response to a police mutual aid agreement.

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: April 22, 1995