

ORDINANCE NO. 3799

AN ORDINANCE to add a new Article J (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL) to Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1973, the city council established by resolution a 17-member Emergency Medical Services Council to upgrade the city's emergency medical transportation system, to plan and develop training programs for rescue personnel, to develop a medical communications network and a city disaster plan, and to make recommendations to city council with respect to these matters; and

WHEREAS, between 1973 and 1995, the original Emergency Medical Services Council was restructured by city council resolution on five separate occasions, and the number of members increased to 29; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1995, the city council voted to replace the existing 29-member Emergency Medical Services Council with a new, restructured 18-member Council, having the same purposes as the existing Council, and requested the city attorney to prepare an ordinance providing for the new Council; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. 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 thereto a new Article J to read as follows:

ARTICLE J

Emergency Medical Services Council

Sec. 2-4-85 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a committee known as the Emergency Medical Services Council (the "council").

(b) The council shall consist of 18 voting members, four of whom shall be ex officio members and 14 of whom shall be appointed by city council. The four ex officio members shall be the city manager or a designee of the manager, the fire chief, the director of the fire department's emergency medical services division, and an emergency rescue technician selected from among the city's emergency rescue technicians by his peers, through a voting process established by the fire chief. The 14 members of the council to be appointed by city council shall be as follows:

- (1) One emergency room physician from Alexandria Hospital;
- (2) One representative of the Alexandria Medical Society who has privileges at Alexandria Hospital;
- (3) One representative of the Emergency Nurses Association from Alexandria Hospital;
- (4) One representative of the hospital administration at Alexandria Hospital;
- (5) One representative of the Federation of Civic Associations;
- (6) One representative of the Alexandria Condominium Association;
- (7) One representative of the Alexandria Red Cross;
- (8) Four citizens;
- (9) One representative of the providers of private ambulance services in the city;
- (10) One representative of nursing homes located in the city; and
- (11) Alexandria's Operational Medical Director.

(c) The members of the council who are to be appointed by city council shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in article A of this chapter; provided, that members who are a representative of an organization or group shall be nominated by the organization or group and appointed by city council. Such members shall be appointed to two-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment without limitation; provided, that one-half of the initial appointed members shall serve for a one-year term, and the remaining one-half of the initial appointed members shall serve for a two-year term. The terms of the initial appointed members shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the council.

Sec. 2-4-86 Functions, powers and duties; officers; meetings; staff assistance.

(a) The functions of the council shall be to advise the city council with respect to the following:

- (1) the provision of training to emergency rescue technicians, including training to enable such personnel to

progress to coronary care technicians with appropriate technical capabilities;

(2) the acquisition of appropriate therapeutic and record keeping equipment to correspond with the level of training and expertise of emergency rescue technicians;

(3) the provision of a medical communications network which may fit into a regionalized plan;

(4) applications to various grant sources for funding for planning and implementation of the emergency medical services program;

(5) disaster planning, including arrangements for communications and assistance with neighboring communities, coordination with local hospitals, and provision of a disaster vehicle with appropriate supplies and communications and other equipment; and

(6) such other matters as the city council or the city manager may refer to the council, or the council, with the concurrence of the manager, may consider on its own initiative.

(b) The council is empowered to adopt rules and regulations with respect to the procedures of its meetings and similar matters, including the establishment of committees through which it may carry on its functions, so long as such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with any provisions of this code or other law.

(c) The council chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the members of the council at its first meeting of the calendar year.

(d) The council shall hold at least four regular meetings each year, and as many special meetings as it may deem advisable.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the executive secretary, as defined in section 2-4-2 of this code, shall not be required to provide any administrative assistance or resources to the council.

Section 2. That the appointments of the current members of the Emergency Medical Services Council be, and the same hereby are, vacated, and those members wishing to serve on the council being established by this ordinance may apply for a new appointment.

Section 3. That Resolutions Nos. 262, 325, 839, 1084, 1383 and 1407 be, and the same hereby are, rescinded.

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: May 13, 1995