

ORDINANCE NO. 3868

AN ORDINANCE to rescind Resolution No. 1610, and to add a new Article M (ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMISSION) to Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of 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 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 M to read as follows:

ARTICLE M

Environmental Policy Commission

Sec. 2-4-110 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a standing commission known as the Environmental Policy Commission.

(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) one lawyer with experience in federal or state environmental statutes, regulations and procedures;
- (2) one member from the field of sanitary engineering;
- (3) one member from the field of engineering;
- (4) one member from the field of intergovernmental relations;
- (5) one member from the field of urban planning;
- (6) one member from the field of ecology;
- (7) two members from the field of environmental sciences;
- (8) one member designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce;
- (9) one student attending high school in the City of Alexandria; and
- (10) five citizens-at-large.

(c) Members of the commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in title 2, chapter 4, article A of this code;

provided, that a member who is the representative of an organization shall be nominated by the organization and confirmed by city council. The members shall serve for a term of two years; provided, (1) that a member who is the representative of an organization shall cease to be a member at such time as such member shall cease to be a member in good standing of the organization for which such member serves as representative; and (2) that the high school student member shall cease to be a member upon graduation.

Sec. 2-4-111 Functions; powers and duties.

(a) The functions of the commission shall be to advise and make recommendations to the city council and, where appropriate, to the planning commission and the city manager. The city manager shall distribute commission recommendations to appropriate city departments for their consideration. These recommendations shall relate to: clean air, land use, noise pollution and abatement, pesticides, herbicides and contaminants, solid waste, water quality and supply, other topics relating to conservation and protection of environmental conditions in the City of Alexandria, and such other matters as from time to time may be referred to the commission by the city council.

(b) The directors of the departments of health, transportation and environmental services, and planning and zoning shall be responsible for forwarding appropriate information, through the city manager, to the commission on all matters that impact on the areas of the commission's responsibility.

(c) It shall also be the responsibility of the commission to consult with and cooperate with federal, state, regional and local agencies charged with the protection of the environment, in accord with the provisions of section 2-4-5(d) of this code.

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

(e) A commission chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the commission members at the organizational meeting designed by the commission.

(f) The health department shall provide administrative and logistical support to the commission and its chair.

Section 2. That Resolution No. 1610 be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Section 3. The members of the Environmental Policy Commission in office as of the effective date of this ordinance shall continue to serve the unexpired portion of their term of office.

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

KERRY J. DONLEY  
Mayor

Final Passage: May 28, 1996

