

ORDINANCE NO. 4020

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-2-5 (MINIMUM HEIGHT LIMITS) and Section 9-2-7 (LANDING AT OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED AIRPORT), of Chapter 2 (AIRCRAFT), Title IX (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 9-2-5 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 9-2-5 Minimum height limits.

Except when taking off or landing at an established landing field or airport, or at a location authorized by the city manager pursuant to section 9-2-7, no person shall fly or permit any aircraft to be flown within the city, except at a height sufficient to permit a reasonably safe emergency landing, which in no case shall be less than 1,000 feet; provided, that the provisions of this section may be deviated from when special circumstances render a departure necessary to avoid immediate danger or when such departure is required because of stress of weather conditions or other unavoidable cause.

Section 2. That Section 9-2-7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 9-2-7 Landing at other than established airport.

Except in case of emergency, or as authorized by the city manager, no person shall land any aircraft in the city, except upon a regularly established airport. Any authorization provided by the manager pursuant to this section shall be for a helicopter landing only, shall be based upon a determination that the landing is in the interest of the city and consistent with the safety of the public, in accordance with guidelines approved by the city council, and shall be accompanied by any terms and conditions deemed necessary by the manager to protect the public safety and welfare, including the provision of insurance, a bond or other form of security.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY  
Mayor

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