

ORDINANCE NO. 4134

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article P (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS).

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1987, city council established the Alexandria Task Force on AIDS to study and address the public health concerns related to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Task Force has served as an information resource on AIDS-related prevention and service issues, has provided city council with effective public policy recommendations pertaining to AIDS and HIV, and has fostered an ongoing, constructive dialogue among members of council, the city's legislative delegation, city staff and the general public on issues related to AIDS and HIV; and

WHEREAS, city council has determined that the public interest would be served by the establishment of a permanent advisory body to assist council in addressing the continuing high rate of HIV infection among city residents and developing new strategies and programs for treating the disease and preventing its spread; 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 a new Article P, to read as follows:

Article P

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS

Section 2-4-115 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a commission known as the Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS ("commission").

(b) The commission shall consist of 27 members to be appointed by the city council. The composition of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) two members from and representing the Alexandria Hospital, one of whom shall be from the hospital's department of pastoral services;

(2) one member from and representing the Whitman Walker Clinic;

(3) one member from and representing the Hospice of Northern Virginia;

(4) one member from and representing Hopkins House;

(5) one member from and representing the Alexandria Chapter, American Red Cross;

(6) one member from and representing the Alexandria Gay and Lesbian Community Association;

(7) one member from and representing the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry;

(8) one member from and representing the Alexandria Ministerial/Interfaith Association;

(9) one member from and representing the INOVA Visiting Nurses Association Home Health;

(10) one member from and representing the City of Alexandria Public Schools;

(11) one member from and representing the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission;

(12) the sheriff, or the sheriff=s designee;

(13) one member from and representing the Alexandria Community Services Board;

(14) one member from and representing the Alexandria Human Rights Commission;

(15) one member from and representing the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission;

(16) one member from and representing the Alexandria Commission for Women;

(17) one member from and representing the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority;

(18) one member who is a practicing physician;

(19) one student who currently attends T.C. Williams High School; and

(20) seven citizens-at-large.

(c) Members of the commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in article A of this title; provided, that a member who, under subsection (b), is representing an organization shall be nominated by the organization and appointed by city council. Members shall serve for a term of three years; provided, however, that of the members first appointed, one-third shall be selected by lot to serve a term of one year, and one-third shall be selected by lot to serve a term of two years.

Sec. 2-4-116 Functions.

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

(1) to advise city council in the formulation and implementation of public policy on the treatment of AIDS and prevention of the spread of HIV, and to promote citizen participation in the formulation of such policy;

(2) to provide city council and the public with current information regarding AIDS and HIV, and to promote educational programs on AIDS/HIV awareness, treatment and prevention;

(3) to make an annual report to the city council which shall include a summary of the number of Alexandria residents who have been diagnosed with AIDS or HIV, and a description of the activities of the commission during the period covered by the report; and

(4) to perform such other duties or functions as assigned by city council.

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

(c) The commission is empowered to adopt rules regarding its internal operating procedures as long as the 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.

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

(e) The department of health and the office of citizen assistance shall provide administrative and logistical support to the commission and its chair.

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

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Mayor

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