

ORDINANCE NO. 4382

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article T (CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL).

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 is hereby, amended by adding thereto a new Article T to read as follows:

ARTICLE T

Citizen Corps Council

Sec. 2-4-140 Creation, composition, organization and term.

(a) The Citizen Corps Council, initially established on December 8, 2003, is hereby established by ordinance and designated as a standing committee known as the Citizen Corps Council.

(b) The fifteen members of the council shall be appointed by the City Council as follows:

- (1) five citizen members;
- (2) a representative of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross;
- (3) a representative of the Alexandria business community;
- (4) a representative of Alexandria civic associations;

- (5) a representative of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities;
- (6) a member in good standing of the CERT program;
- (7) a citizen designated by the Alexandria School Board;
- (8) a representative of the Crime Prevention Council, or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience;
- (9) a representative of the Emergency Medical Services Council, Medical Reserve Corps, or a person with emergency medical response experience; and
- (10) two members of city council, appointed by the mayor, who shall be non-voting members.

(c) The members of the committee shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in title 2, chapter 4, article a of this code. The members shall serve for a term of three years, and such terms shall be staggered.

Sec. 2-4-131 Functions, powers and duties; staff assistance.

(a) The functions, powers and duties of the council shall be to advise and support the city and the city council as to:

- (1) ensuring that the entire community is well prepared to respond appropriately to natural, accidental, and human-caused emergencies;

- (2) evaluating, catalyzing and empowering individuals, groups, civic associations, schools, utilities, business, governments and institutions to prepare for and respond to such emergencies; and
- (3) providing essential support to all persons in the city by effectively and efficiently working to deliver unified emergency services;
- (4) to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the responsibilities expressly given in this subsection; and
- (5) such other tasks as may be requested by the city council.

(b) Except as expressly provided in this article, the council may adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure and other matters for the conduct of its business, so 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, duties and purpose.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds and staff, the city manager is authorized to provide, through the Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, and other departments, such staff or other assistance to the council as requested.

Section 2. That no provision of this ordinance shall be deemed to affect the appointments or terms of the members of the Citizen Corps Council in office on the effective date hereof.

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

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Final Passage: March 12, 2005