

ORDINANCE NO. 4645

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

(The following is all new language)

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 and reordained by the addition of the following new article and sections to read as follows:

ARTICLE W – ALEXANDRIA GANG PREVENTION COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Sec. 2-4-180 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a task force known as the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force ("Task Force").

(b) The Task Force shall consist of 13 members to be appointed by the city council.

The composition of the commission shall be as follows:

- (1) Two members from the city council;
- (2) One member from the Alexandria School Board;
- (3) One member from and representing TC Williams High School;
- (4) One member from and representing Alexandria City Middle Schools;
- (5) One member from and representing Alexandria City Elementary Schools;
- (6) One member from and representing private schools in Alexandria;
- (7) One member from and representing the Alexandria Tenant and Workers Support Committee;
- (8) One member representing the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP;
- (9) One member from and representing the Alexandria Youth Council;
- (10) One member from and representing the Alexandria Interfaith Council; and
- (11) Two citizens-at-large.

(c) Members of the Task Force 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.

(d) Members shall serve for a term of three years.

(e) All members of the commission shall, by virtue of their education, experience, interests, or employment, have a competence in one or more of the following areas:

- (1) crime prevention;
- (2) knowledge of the criminal laws and procedures of the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- (3) gang suppression, prevention and intervention;
- (4) education;

- (5) social work; or
- (6) counseling.

Sec. 2-4-181 Functions.

- (a) The functions of the Task Force shall be as follows:
 - (1) to receive briefings on the status of gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities in the city and, insofar as is directly relevant to the city, the status of similar programs and activities in the metropolitan region;
 - (2) to assist in informing and educating the Alexandria community about the gang suppression, prevention and intervention prevention and intervention programs and activities that are occurring in the city and the region;
 - (3) to assist in identifying programs and activities that will address specific gang-related problems or issues in the City, with a particular emphasis on programs and activities that will prevent individuals from joining gangs and/or that will intervene with individuals who are members of a gang to facilitate their withdrawal from such membership;
 - (4) to assist in identifying opportunities to obtain funding for programs and activities that will address such gang-related problems or issues in the city; and
 - (5) to assist in identifying state or local laws that should be enacted or amended enable the city, and possibly other local governments, to better address problems and issues arising from or related to gangs.
- (b) The Task Force shall hold at least four regular meetings each year, and as many special meetings as the commission may deem advisable.
- (c) The Task Force is empowered to adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure 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 and purpose.
- (d) A Task Force chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the Task Force members at the organizational meeting designated by the Task Force.
- (e) The Alexandria Police Department and such other departments of the city as the city manager may direct shall provide administrative and logistical support to the Task Force and its chair.

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

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Final Passage: January 23, 2010