

ORDINANCE NO. 5184

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article B (PARADES) of Chapter 2 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) and to enact Chapter 4 (SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES) of Title 6 (PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article B of Chapter 2 of Title 5 and Chapter 4 of Title 6 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding the text shown in underline and deleting the text shown in strikethrough as follows:

**Title 5 - Transportation and Environmental Services**

**Chapter 2 – Streets and Sidewalks**

**Article B – Parades Reserved**

**~~Sec. 5-2-41 – Permit – required.~~**

~~It shall be unlawful for any person, company, society, association, organization, lodge, club, gathering or group of any kind to parade or march or to attempt to parade, march or hold a procession or motorcade in or upon any of the streets of the city until such person or group shall have obtained a permit as provided in this article. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-30)~~

**~~Sec. 5-2-42 – Same – application.~~**

~~Each applicant for a permit required by this article shall, in a writing made out in duplicate, file an application with the city manager requesting permission to hold a parade. The application shall be filed at least 15 days prior to the date upon which the parade is to be held. Each application shall also state the name of the person or group holding the parade, the purpose, the number of participants, the number of vehicles and floats, the proposed route, the length of time the parade will take, and such other pertinent data as would assist the city in making plans to conduct the parade. In unusual cases the 15 day period may be waived by the traffic board. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-31)~~

**~~Sec. 5-2-43 – Same – reference to traffic and parking board; grant or denial.~~**

~~(a) Upon receipt of a proper application to hold a parade, the city manager shall refer the application to the traffic and parking board.~~

~~(b) If the applicant's parade meets the requirements set forth in this article, the traffic and parking board shall grant a permit subject to the payment of the permit fee hereinafter required.~~

~~(c) If the applicant's parade does not meet the requirements then the permit shall be denied by the traffic and parking board. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-32)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-44 - Same - fees, etc.**~~

~~(a) When the traffic and parking board has agreed to grant a parade permit pursuant to this article, the applicant shall pay a permit fee to the office of the city manager, to help cover the expense of regulating the parade, as follows:~~

~~(1) Small parades, motorcades, and processions not exceeding 650 feet in length ..... \$ 5.00~~

~~(2) Parades, motorcades, processions more than 660 feet in length but not exceeding 1,320 feet ..... \$10.00~~

~~(3) Parades, motorcades, processions exceeding 1,320 feet ..... \$25.00~~

~~(4) The cost of paying off-duty policemen used in the handling of any parade, motorcade or procession, regardless of length.~~

~~(b) The permit fee and the cost for off-duty policemen may be waived by the city council. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-33)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-45 - Authority of city manager and police department.**~~

~~The city manager and police department of the city are hereby authorized and empowered to take such lawful action as may be necessary to carry out the regulations and requirements of this article, insure an orderly parade or procession, prevent obstruction to and insure the full flow of traffic, and to prevent riots and disorder, and to hire special policemen and employees to aid in these measures. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-34)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-46 - Route, etc.**~~

~~No parade shall be held in the city except at a time, place and route designated traffic and parking board. The traffic and parking board, except as provided in this article, is hereby empowered to make such designations, provided such designations are reasonable, will aid in protecting the safety, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the city and will carry out the intent and purpose of this article. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-35)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-47 - Conduct upon approach of emergency vehicles.**~~

~~All parades held in the city shall upon the approach of any emergency vehicle break ranks or maneuver so as to allow such vehicle to continue on its way. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-36)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-48 - Riots and mischief.**~~

~~No parade which will cause a riot or which threatens tangible public or private mischief shall be held in the city. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-37)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-49 - Obscenity or immorality.**~~

~~No obscene or immoral parade shall be held in the city. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-38)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-50 - Litter and refuse.**~~

~~No parade in which the participants litter the streets or sidewalks shall be held in the city unless the person or group holding the parade shall insure the city that such littering or refuse caused by the parade shall be cleaned up immediately upon the termination of the parade. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-39)~~

~~**Sec. 5-2-51 – Penalty for violation of article.**~~

~~Any person violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 or imprisonment in the city jail for a period not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. (Code 1963, Sec. 33-40)~~

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**Title 6 - Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Activities**

**Chapter 4 – Special Events and Parades**

**Sec. 6-4-1 – Permit for special events and parades**

It shall be unlawful for any person, company, society, association, organization, lodge, club, gathering or group of any kind to parade or march or to attempt to parade, march, hold a procession or motorcade, or special event in or upon any of the streets of the city until such person or group shall have obtained a permit as provided in this article.

**Sec. 6-4-2– Application for permit for special events and parades**

Each applicant for a permit required by this chapter shall file a written application with the city manager or his designee requesting permission to hold a special event in accordance with the Special Events Policies and Procedures or equivalent policy in place at the time of filing of the application.

The application shall be processed in accordance with the guidelines and provisions in the Special Events Policies and Procedures or equivalent policy in place at the time of approval of the permit.

**Sec. 6-4-3 – Fees for Special Events and Parades**

When a permit is granted pursuant to this article, the applicant shall pay a permit fee as required by the fee structure in place at the time of approval of the permit as enumerated in the Special Events Policies and Procedures or equivalent policy in place at the time of approval of the permit.

**Sec. 6-4-4 - Authority of city manager and police department.**

The city manager, police department of the city, and other city departments as appropriate are hereby authorized and empowered to take such lawful action as may be necessary to carry out the regulations and requirements of this article, insure an orderly parade or procession,

prevent obstruction to and insure the full flow of traffic, and to prevent riots and disorder, and to hire special policemen and employees to aid in these measures.

**Sec. 6-4-5 - Conduct upon approach of emergency vehicles.**

All parades or special events held in the city shall upon the approach of any emergency vehicle break ranks or maneuver so as to allow such vehicle to continue on its way.

**Sec. 6-4-6 Compliance with laws and policies**

All parades or special events held in the city shall comply with all relevant federal, state, and city laws, the conditions placed upon any permit, and the rules and policies in the Special Events Policies and Procedures or equivalent policy in place at the time of approval of the permit.

**Sec. 6-4-7 - Litter and refuse.**

No parade or special event in which the participants litter the streets, sidewalks, or public property shall be held in the city unless the person or group holding the parade or special event shall insure the city that such littering or refuse caused by the parade or special event shall be cleaned up immediately upon the termination of the parade.

**Sec. 6-4-8 - Penalty for violation of article.**

Any person violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 or imprisonment in the city jail for a period not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Section 2. That Article B of Chapter 2 of Title 5 and Chapter 4 of Title 6 are amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

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

Allison Silberberg  
Mayor

Final Passage: December 15, 2018