

ORDINANCE NO. 5261

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 8 (“JUNK DEALERS, ANTIQUES DEALERS, CANVASSERS, PAWNBROKERS AND DEALERS IN SECONDHAND ARTICLES, PRECIOUS METALS OR GEMS”) of Title 9 (“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 Chapter 8 of Title 9 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by the amendment of Section 9-8-15, to read as follows:

(New language is underscored; deleted material is ~~stricken~~)

Sec. 9-8-15 Record of Transactions

- (a) Every dealer shall keep at his place of business for at least 24 months, or carry with him while conducting business, a record ~~permanently bound book~~ in which shall be legibly recorded ~~with ink~~ in the English language, at the time of the purchase or pawn of any item aforesaid within the city in the course of his business, an accurate account of each such transaction. The record shall set forth an accurate and legible description of the goods, articles or things purchased or pawned, the name, residence and description of the person selling or pawning the same, the driver’s license number or social security number of the seller or pawner, a transaction or invoice number and the dealer’s permit number. The description of the person required by this section shall consist of the hair color, sex, race, approximate height, weight, date of birth and any distinguishing features of such person. In order to ensure the accuracy of the information, the dealer shall comply with the provisions of section 9-8-19(d). Such record ~~book~~ shall during regular business hours be open to the inspection of the director. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to exhibit to the director any record ~~book~~ required to be kept pursuant to this section.
- (b) Each dealer shall also keep and maintain for at least 24 months an accurate and legible record of the name and address of the person, form or corporation to which he sells any item aforesaid after the waiting period required by section 9-8-18. ~~This record shall also show the name and address of the seller from whom the dealer purchased such item.~~
- (c) Anything in this section to the contrary notwithstanding, a junk dealer shall not be required to record transactions pertaining to the purchase of rags, bones, old iron, paper and aluminum cans; further, there shall be excluded from this section any transaction by a junk dealer in which the total value of the goods and merchandise purchased in such transaction is less than \$25. Additionally, the requirements of this section shall not apply to any transaction between dealers (as “dealer” is defined by this article), or between a dealer on the one hand, and a licensed, established merchant from within or without the city on the other hand, when such transaction takes place in the normal course of business.

Section 2. That Chapter 8 of Title 9 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by the amendment of Section 9-8-1, to read as follows:

(New language is underscored; deleted material is ~~stricken~~)

Sec. 9-8-16 Reports to police

Every dealer buying from off-the-street or walk-in sellers shall, ~~every day except Sunday,~~ provide ~~deliver or mail~~ to the Chief of Police within 24 hours of the time of purchase, in a manner ~~on blank forms to be prescribed by the chief of police or on a copy of the bill of sale,~~ a legible and accurate description of every article or thing required to be entered in a record ~~book~~ provided for under the preceding section. The record of transaction ~~form or bill of sale~~ shall set forth the dealer's permit number, the driver's license number or social security number of the seller or pawnor, together with a description of the person selling the same including the hair color, sex, race, approximate height, weight, date of birth and any distinguishing features, together with a reference to the transaction or invoice number ~~volume and page number of the record book~~ where the original entry required by the preceding section was made.

Section 3. That Chapter 8 as amended pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JUSTIN M. WILSON
Mayor

Final Passage: December 14, 2019