

RESOLUTION NO. 54

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Crime Commission, is an inactive body formed on March 12, 1968, to investigate and make recommendations to the City Council concerning the causes of crime and the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, this Commission in February 1969 presented a comprehensive document of its findings and recommendations to City Council, analyzing the Criminal Justice system in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, there has occurred certain new developments in the area of criminal justice that should be fully reviewed and evaluated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWERS VESTED in City Council of the City of Alexandria, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Alexandria Crime Commission is re-activated to review and analyze the results of the recommendations made in February 1969.
2. The membership of the Commission shall include the former members of the Alexandria Crime Commission, and shall not exceed 15 nor be less than 11.
3. The City Council shall request that two (2) representatives from the Bar Association, one (1) representative of the Judicial System, and one (1) representative of the Legal Aid Society, who shall be an Attorney, serve on this body.
4. The Commission shall evaluate the various public defender systems in Existence in the United States with recommendations on the feasibility of such a system in Alexandria.
5. The Commission shall make an in-depth review of the Criminal Codes of Virginia and forward recommendations to the Virginia Code Commission.
6. This Commission shall report to the City Council and to the citizens at large, an inventory of progress that has been made in the area of criminal justice.
7. The National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence recommends the establishment of an Office of Criminal Justice to plan and coordinate the activities of law enforcement agencies. This Commission shall evaluate the feasibility of such an agency in the City of Alexandria.

8. In view of the fact that the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) are currently engaged in a "model police department" project that will examine the organization and practices of the Alexandria Police Department, the Commission's studies will not duplicate IACP's, nor will members of the Commission make inquiry of any officer or employee of the Alexandria Police Department below the level of Chief or that of his authorized designee.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this body shall be known and function as the Alexandria Commission on Criminal Justice.

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Adopted on July 13, 1971

Helen Vickers
Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council