

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee on Health Care and the City Council, during their two years of deliberations that resulted in the establishment of a new system of health centers, have identified the need to upgrade Alexandria's emergency medical transportation services, and steps are under way to achieve this objective; and

WHEREAS, the "Emergency Medical Services Systems Act of 1973" has been passed by Congress and has been signed into law by the President, and

WHEREAS, the federal and anticipated state legislation provides for grants to local governments for planning and upgrading of emergency medical systems; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Medical Society, in a letter dated October 16, 1973, has therefore proposed that the City Council immediately establish an emergency medical services council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take all practicable steps to complete its emergency medical services planning and to expedite the upgrading of Alexandria's present system; and

WHEREAS, it is now desirable for the City of Alexandria to establish an emergency medical services council to advise the City government concerning planning and operating an emergency medical services system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a 17-member Emergency Medical Services Council be immediately established and appointed by the City Council,
2. That the membership of the Emergency Medical Services Council shall include:
  - (a) The City Manager or his designee
  - (b) The Public Health Director
  - (c) The Fire Chief
  - (d) The Commander of the Fire Department Rescue Squad
  - (e) The Police Chief
  - (f) Two emergency room physician members, at least one of whom shall be associated with the Alexandria Hospital (The Alexandria residency requirement shall not apply to this appointment)
  - (g) One physician member to be nominated by the Alexandria Medical Society
  - (h) One member to be nominated by the Emergency Department Nurses Association
  - (i) A member of the hospital administration to be nominated by the Board of the Alexandria Hospital
  - (j) One of Alexandria's members on the Northern Virginia Comprehensive Health Planning Council, created under Section 314 (b) of the Public Health Service Act
  - (k) One member to be nominated by the Alexandria Tourist Council
  - (l) One member to be nominated by the Alexandria Community Welfare Council
  - (m) One member to be nominated by the Disaster Service of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross
  - (n) Three citizen members
3. That the City employee members designated in Section 2 (a) through (e) shall serve during their tenures in the positions named, and that all other members shall be appointed for two years' terms and shall be eligible for reappointment.

4. That the establishment of the committee be publicized and all candidates for appointment submit their applications to the City Clerk by the close of business December 18, 1973, for consideration by the City Council and appointment at the last regular meeting in December.

5. That the Emergency Medical Services Council shall be advisory to the Alexandria City Council and shall undertake planning and monitoring activities relating to:

- (a) Provision for training of rescue personnel, including progression of personnel to coronary care technicians with appropriate technical capabilities.
- (b) Provision for acquisition of appropriate therapeutic and record keeping equipment to correspond with the level of training and expertise of rescue personnel.
- (c) Provision of a medical communications net which may fit into a regionalized plan.
- (d) Application for funding from various grant sources for planning and implementation.
- (e) Disaster planning, including formal communications and assistance arrangements with neighboring communities, coordination with local hospitals, and provision of a disaster vehicle with appropriate supplies, communications, and equipment.
- (f) A specific time frame for completion of the above-mentioned tasks.
- (g) Such other matters as the City Council, the City Manager or the Alexandria Committee on Health Centers may refer to it or the Emergency Medical Services Council may consider on its own initiative.

6. That the Mayor shall name the convener of the Council and the Council shall elect its own chairman and vice chairman.

7. That the Council shall receive staff support from the Public Health Director and, as required, from the City Manager and City Attorney.

8. That the Council may adopt its own rules of procedure, provided that these rules are not in conflict with the provisions of this resolution.

Adopted November 27, 1973