

RESOLUTION NO. 264

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared the shortage of energy to be a vital national problem; and,

WHEREAS, he has sought the cooperation of local elected officials and the citizens of the United States to conserve energy, the Alexandria City Council urges each citizen of Alexandria to take the following actions:

1. Reduce heating thermostats to 65-68° during the day. Before going to bed or when the house is unoccupied, further reduce thermostat settings to 63-65°. Additionally close heating vents or radiators in unoccupied rooms, basements or recreation rooms.
2. Restrict the use of electricity by turning off all unnecessary lights, curtail television viewing and limit the use to one set in a home. Curtail all outdoor and Christmas lights.
3. Discontinue non-essential automobile travel. When vehicle travel is necessary, limit speed to 50 m.p.h. and avoid sudden stops and jack rabbit starts. Participate in car pools to the maximum extent possible.
4. Cut down on the use of hot water. Wash clothes with cold water detergents and repair any leaky faucets.
5. Check weather stripping and caulking of joints and seams at windows and doors. Repair where necessary. Install storm windows and doors and insulation, where possible.
6. Cut off outdoor gas lamps that are strictly decorative and not used for street lighting.

The Alexandria City Council further urges all business and commercial establishments to:

1. Reduce heating thermostats to 65-68° during the day. At night and when establishments are closed, further reduce the thermostats to 63-65°. Insure that oil burning equipment is maintained and operated properly.
2. Reduce the use of electricity by lowering lighting level as much as possible. Cleaning crews should clean buildings in the daytime if practicable so that all lights can be turned off at night. Large electric signs should be turned off.
3. Limit the use of motor vehicles insofar as possible. Reduce speed to a maximum of 55 m.p.h. Assist employees in establishing car pools.
4. Reduce hours that stores are open in the evening.

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Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk and
Clerk of Council