

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that elderly citizens who rent their residences are entitled to participate in a rent relief program similar to the real property tax relief system for elderly homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems those persons who qualify for grants under the provisions of this resolution to bear an extraordinary burden of rent costs in relation to their income and net worth; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the city manager, in his capacity as the constituted local board of public welfare and in accordance with the General Welfare Act of Virginia, shall administer a rent relief program for elderly citizens of Alexandria, Virginia.

2. That said program will be administered as follows:

A. DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in this resolution shall, for the purposes of this resolution, have the following respective meanings, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Total combined income. Income from all sources of the applicant and all relatives of the applicant including the spouse residing in the dwelling or portion thereof for which rent relief is sought, not including one thousand five hundred dollars of the income of one relative of the applicant, other than the spouse of the applicant, living in the dwelling or portion thereof for which rent relief is sought.

Total combined financial worth. All assets, including equitable interest, of the applicant and all relatives of the applicant including the spouse residing in the dwelling or portion thereof for which rent relief is sought.

Grant year. The calendar year for which relief is sought.

City manager. The city manager of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, or any of his duly authorized deputies or agents.

Real property tax equivalent. Fifteen percent of the total rent paid by the applicant for the grant year.

B. GRANTS AUTHORIZED

Grants in the amounts provided in section 2E of this article are hereby authorized to applicants for rent relief subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) The applicant shall be sixty-five years of age or older on December 31 of the calendar year preceding the grant year and be a resident of the city at the time of making application.
- (2) The applicant shall have paid rent for a dwelling or portion thereof in the city during the grant year.
- (3) The total combined income shall not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars for the calendar year immediately preceding the grant year.
- (4) The total combined financial worth shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars as of December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the grant year.
- (5) The person or persons claiming exemption shall file the affidavit required by this article no later than May first of each grant year.

C. APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Annually, and not later than May first of the grant year, the applicant shall file with the city manager, in such manner as the city manager shall prescribe and on forms to be supplied by the city, an affidavit setting forth the names of any spouse or

related persons occupying the dwelling or portion thereof for which rent relief is sought, their total combined income, and their total combined financial worth. If after audit and investigation the city manager determines the claimant is eligible for a rent relief grant, he shall so certify to the finance director of the City of Alexandria, who shall make payment to the applicant for the amount of the grant as determined by section 2D of this article.

D. AMOUNT OF GRANT

For eligible applicants with a total combined income not in excess of two thousand dollars, the amount of grant shall be equal to the real property tax equivalent for the grant year. For eligible applicants with a total combined income in excess of two thousand dollars, the amount of grant shall be the difference between the real property tax equivalent for the grant year attributable to the dwelling or portion thereof in which the applicant resides and the sum of the following:

Three per centum of the amount of total combined income in excess of two thousand dollars, but not in excess of three thousand dollars; and

Four per centum of such income in excess of three thousand dollars, but not in excess of four thousand dollars; and

Five per centum of such income in excess of four thousand dollars, but not in excess of five thousand dollars; and

Six per centum of such income in excess of five thousand dollars, but not in excess of six thousand dollars; and

Seven per centum of such income in excess of six thousand dollars, but not in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Provided, however, that the amount of grant shall in no event exceed five hundred dollars for any taxable year.

3. That the provisions of this resolution shall prevail except where they conflict with any legal provision of higher force.

4. This resolution shall become effective the date of its final passage.

Adopted November 26, 1974

Mrs. Beverly Snedeker Acting City Clerk