

WHEREAS, on November 26, 1974, the city council adopted Resolution No. 352 which established the rent relief program for elderly citizens of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the impact of inflation during the past three years makes it desirable to increase the eligibility criteria for this program in order to encompass a greater number of Alexandria's elderly renters; and

WHEREAS, it also is desirable to include in the rent relief program Alexandria residents who are permanently and totally disabled;

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

1. That Subsection 2A of Resolution No. 352 ("Definitions") be amended by substituting for the definition of "Total combined income" a new definition to read as follows:

Total combined income. Gross 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 four thousand dollars of the income of any relative, other than the spouse of the applicant, living in the dwelling or portion thereof for which rent relief is sought.

2. That Subsection 2A of Resolution No. 352 ("Definitions") be further amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

Permanently and totally disabled person. A person furnishing the certification or affidavit required by the second paragraph of Section 2C of Resolution No. 352, as herein amended, and found by the city manager to be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment or deformity which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of such person's life.

3. That Subsection 2B of Resolution No. 352 ("Grants Authorized") be amended to read as follows:

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 or permanently and totally disabled 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 eleven thousand dollars for the calendar year immediately preceding the grant year.
- (4) The total combined financial worth shall not exceed thirty-five 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 resolution no later than May first of each grant year.

7. That subsection 2C of Resolution No. 352 ("Application for Grant") be amended by adding hereto a new second paragraph to read as follows:

Any applicant under sixty-five years of age claiming exemption shall attach to the affidavit a certification by the Social Security Administration, or if the applicant is not eligible for social security, a sworn affidavit by two medical doctors licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia to the effect that the applicant is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment or deformity which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of such person's life.

5. That Subsection 2D of Resolution No. 352 ("Amount of Grant") be amended to read as follows:

For eligible applicants with a total combined income not in excess of three 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 three 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 three thousand dollars, but not in excess of four thousand dollars; and

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

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

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

Seven per centum of such income in excess of seven thousand dollars, but not in excess of eight thousand dollars; and

Eight per centum of such income in excess of eight thousand dollars; but not in excess of nine thousand dollars; and

Nine per centum of such income in excess of nine thousand dollars, but not in excess of ten thousand dollars.

Provided, however, that the amount of the grant shall in no event exceed three hundred twenty-five dollars for any grant year and provided, further, that the amount of the grant shall be reduced by the amount that the total combined income of the applicant exceeds ten thousand dollars, except that the amount of the grant to which an applicant is entitled under the provisions of this resolution shall not be reduced below the amount of such grant, if any, which was granted in the preceding year if such reduction is caused by a change in the provisions of Resolution No. 352.

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

Adopted September 13, 1977