

ORDINANCE NO. 260

An ordinance to regulate the construction and operation of tourist camps and wayside or recreational parks in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Be It Ordained By the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

Section 1. Every person, firm or corporation who shall operate, maintain, or offer for use, or permit to be used within the City of Alexandria, Virginia, any tract of land for a camp, or park, for rest, recreational, amusement, or educational purposes shall comply with the following regulations:

(A) Prior to the construction of any such camp or park, plans for caring of their sanitation shall be submitted to the City Health Department.

(B) A water supply of satisfactory sanitary quality shall be provided in ample quantity to meet all requirements of the maximum number of persons using such camp or park at any time. Said water supply shall be easily obtainable from its source or from a distributing system within a reasonable distance of any camping spot within such area.

(C) Any water found unsafe for human consumption on such tract of land shall either be removed or purified, or kept posted with placards definitely warning persons against its use.

(D) Privies or water-flush toilets with a system of sewage disposal approved by the Health Department shall be provided and shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. There shall be provided one toilet seat for each 25 persons, or fraction thereof, of the maximum number of persons occupying such camp or park at any time. The privies shall be conveniently located.

(E) Supervision and equipment sufficient to prevent littering of the grounds with rubbish, garbage, or other refuse shall be provided and maintained. Fly-tight and water-tight depositories for such material shall be provided and conveniently and conspicuously located. These depositories shall not be permitted to become foul smelling or unsightly or breeding places for flies.

(F) The method of final sewage disposal utilized in connection with the operation of a camp or park shall be such as not to create a nuisance.

(G) The management of every such park or camp shall be responsible for maintaining in good repair all sanitary appliances on said ground and shall promptly prosecute or eject from any such sites any person who wilfully or maliciously damages such appliances, or any person who fails to comply with these regulations.

(H) Any such camp or park site shall be adequately drained to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water or provide breeding places for mosquitoes.

(I) All food offered for sale at such camp or park sites shall be adequately protected against flies, dust, and vermin, and shall be adequately refrigerated where necessary to prevent deterioration or spoilage.

(J) All camp rooms, bedding, and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned after each occupancy, and shall at all times be maintained in a sanitary condition.

(K) Failure to comply with the foregoing regulations shall be deemed sufficient cause for declaring such park or camp a nuisance and proceeded against as such.

(L) These regulations shall be printed and kept posted in a conspicuous place in each camp or park.

Section 2. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$300.00, or imprisonment in the city jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court or jury trying the case, and each day any condition constituting a violation of the provisions of this ordinance is allowed to continue after notice to the owner or management by the Health Department shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect May 1, 1938.

Approved this 26th day of April, 1938.

RICHARD L. RUFFNER,
Mayor.