

# ORDINANCE No. 346

**AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter VII of Ordinance No. 290, known as the Building Code.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that Chapter VII, Part 2, Section A, Paragraph (c), "Exceptions," be amended to include an additional exception designated No. 4, which shall read as follows:

"Apartment houses not more than two stores high and containing not more than four apartments per floor, and eight apartments per structure, may be equipped with one "Class A" stairway built of wood, provided that the entire soffit of said stairway, including any wood member which is used to transfer the weight of the stairs and stair enclosure to the ground, shall be protected with two alternating layers of 3/8 inch plaster board, breaking joints and nailed with 1½" plaster board nails 6 inches apart, and two alternating coats of Portland cement or gypsum plaster having a total thickness of 2 inches.

"The above protection shall also be applied to the walls adjoining such stair well, and for five feet above the stairs in the stair well."

Approved this 10th day of April, 1941.

WILLIAM T. WILKINS,  
Mayor