

# ORDINANCE NO. 367

AN ORDINANCE relating to the National Defense; authorizing the City Manager to proclaim rules and regulations pertaining to plans for protection from air raids, and emergency plans for the protection of public peace, health, and safety whenever a state of war exists between the United States and any foreign country or nation, and trial tests of such plans; authorizing the appointment of a Coordinator of Volunteer Emergency Service; defining offenses, and prescribing penalties.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed, whenever a state of war exists between the United States and any foreign country or nation, to proclaim and publish rules and regulations, which shall have the full force and effect of law, for the conduct and cooperation of persons, firms, corporations and agencies. Such rules and regulations may include blackout, light up, or lighting distribution rearrangement, including the intensity and distribution of all street, residential, commercial and other lighting. Such rules and regulations may further include those affecting fire, police, health, highways and the general protection of the public, and may require drills and practice exercises. The City Manager may require any inhabitant or any organization of the City to aid in enforcing such rules and regulations. The City Manager may also request assistance from organizations such as the Regional Defense Council, the Red Cross, the Virginia Protective Force and other local, State, and National Organizations.

Section 2. The City Manager shall act as Coordinator of Volunteer Emergency Service. The said Coordinator shall direct the preparation and execution of disaster plans and volunteer emergency services in cooperation with the Regional and the State Defense Council.

Section 3. Special lighting of an emergency nature, such as a blackout, light up, lighting distribution re-arrangement, or change in general lighting intensity shall be placed in effect upon receipt of an order that such is necessary or desirable, from the Governor or the district warning center to the Coordinator of Volunteer Emergency Service.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful to refuse or neglect to obey any such rules and regulations as proclaimed by the City Manager or to refuse or to neglect to obey any order of the City Manager in connection therewith, or any call made upon any person, firm, corporation and agency for aid in enforcing the same.

Section 5. This ordinance shall constitute an exercise by the City of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health and safety, and neither the City nor any person, firm, corporation or agency responding to the regulations lawfully proclaimed and published by the City Manager, or called upon to assist in enforcing the same, shall be liable in a suit for damages in connection therewith.

Section 6. Violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or of the rules and regulations proclaimed by the City Manager in connection therewith shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both in the discretion of the court or jury trying the case.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Approved this 30th day of December, 1941.

WILLIAM T. WILKINS  
Mayor.