

ORDINANCE NO. 383

AN ORDINANCE to amend the communicable diseases law of the City of Alexandria, Virginia by repealing and re-enacting Section 7 of Chapter XVI of the Alexandria City Code.

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

Section 1. That Section 7 of Chapter XVI of the Alexandria City Code, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. Examinations and certificates required of food and drink handlers; liability of both employers and employees.

A. All persons now or hereafter employed in any hotel, restaurant, dispensary of alcoholic beverages, boarding house, store, club, school, dairy or other place where food or drink is handled or dispensed publicly, or where the public may be exposed to disease:

1. Shall undergo an examination which shall include a recognized blood test for syphilis, smears for gonorrhoea, a chest x-ray which is to be made and interpreted by a trained radiologist acceptable to the Health Department, and such other laboratory tests, done in a laboratory acceptable to the Health Department, as may be indicated by history, physical findings or chest x-ray; and

2. Shall furnish to the Health Department a certificate based upon and issued within thirty days of such examination, signed by a reputable physician, and stating that the person examined is either free from infections, contagious, or communicable diseases, including tuberculosis and venereal diseases, or incapable of communicating any of such diseases to others; and

3. Shall undergo the examination referred to above and submit to the Health Department the certificate and reports above required, within five (5) days of the commencement of their employment

and at least once every twelve (12) months thereafter.

B. The City Health Officer, or his duly authorized representative, in the exercise of his reasonable discretion, may at any time require immediate examination of any person listed in Paragraph A hereof.

C. Upon presentation to and approval by the City Health Officer of the certificate and reports required herein, the said officer shall issue a health card to the applicant, containing among other items the name of the holder, the date of expiration, and a statement that the holder has complied with the provisions of this chapter.

D. The employer of any persons specified in Paragraph A hereof shall require all such persons to undergo the examination and obtain the certificates and reports provided by this ordinance; shall register at the place of employment the name and date of employment of each employee; and shall have the said health cards and registrations of all employees available for the City Health Officer at all reasonable times.

E. If any persons specified in Paragraph A hereof shall be employed in violation of any term of this chapter, their employers as well as such employees shall be deemed guilty of such violation.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect on the day after its publication in The Alexandria Gazette.

Approved this 21st day of April, 1942.

WILLIAM T. WILKINS,
Mayor