

Ordinance No. 495

AN ORDINANCE to amend and re-enact Section 22, of Chapter XII-A, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, which said chapter was adopted by Ordinance No. 417, and which said section relates to the general regulations applicable to public vehicles.

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

Section 1. That Section 22, of Chapter XII-A of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, which said chapter was adopted by Ordinance No. 417, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 22. General Regulations.

Adequate and efficient public service shall at all times be maintained by the owner of every public vehicle.

Every owner of a public vehicle shall provide and maintain at all times a listed telephone by which calls can be made for service. Every owner and/or driver shall give preference to calls for service in the order of their receipt. Every owner and/or driver shall keep a permanent record of all calls received for service which shall include the address where service is desired, the date and hour of the call and the response or service rendered in accordance therewith. Such record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the captain of police of Alexandria or to any member of his department.

No public vehicle shall be leased or lent by the owner thereof to any person.

When a driver has taken into a taxicab one or more passengers for transportation and has actually begun the transportation of such passenger or passengers, no other person shall be received by the driver into such taxicab until the destination is reached, without the consent of such passenger or passengers.

No non-paying passenger shall be transported with a paying passenger except bona fide officers or employees of the owner or a police officer engaged in the performance of his duty who is unable to obtain other adequate means of transportation.

Drivers of public vehicles parked at any authorized stand on the streets of Alexandria shall at all times keep such vehicle attended and they shall at all times keep within five feet of any such parked vehicle.

Loud talk or calls to and from drivers of public vehicles is prohibited; and the sounding of horns or other mechanical devices for purposes other than lawful traffic signals is also prohibited.

The driver of each taxicab shall operate the same over the shortest practical route from each point at which a taxicab is engaged by any passenger to the point or points of destination of such passenger.

No passenger shall enter or leave any taxicab or for hire ve-

hicle by way of the left rear door or side of such vehicle except on one-way streets or while parked perpendicular to the curb in places where such parking is permitted.

No driver of any public vehicle shall stop, or load, or unload any passengers in the intersection of any streets or on any cross walk, and no such vehicle shall in any way impede or interfere with the orderly flow of traffic on the streets.

No driver of any public vehicle shall at any one time carry more passengers than the number for which the vehicle was normally built to carry.

The driver of every public vehicle shall promptly report every accident, however slight, in which a vehicle owned or driven by him is involved; and every such driver shall carefully preserve all money or other property left in any public vehicle. When such money or other property shall have been identified and the ownership established, the same shall be promptly delivered to such owner.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or driver of a public vehicle to permit such vehicle to be used for lewd or indecent purposes or to transport persons therein to places used for such purposes.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make misleading, false or unauthorized calls for public vehicle service, or to in any way hinder, retard or interfere with the furnishing of transportation by public vehicles in the City of Alexandria.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective the day after its publication in the Alexandria Gazette.