

Ordinance No. 641

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Paragraph (3), Section 52, Article VI, Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, which said chapter relates to plumbing, said article to gas fitting, said section to materials and fittings and said paragraph to meters and their location.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. That Paragraph (3), Section 52, Article VI, Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(3) Meters and their location.

By arrangement with the builder or owner or his representative the Gas Company shall select a location and post a card "reserved for gas meter". Such notice shall reserve adequate floor and wall space to provide accessibility for installation, examination, reading and replacement.

Meters placed in the cellar shall be set on the entrance wall whenever practicable, 4 feet from the cellar floor. An unobstructed passageway leading thereto shall be maintained. In no case shall the meter be set beneath a stairway, bulkhead or show-window; nor in a cellar, hallway, closed closet, coal or ash vault closer than 2 feet to any furnace, open grate, range or gas light except coal fired furnaces which shall be 6 feet distant.

Meters shall not be located within the space below and extending two feet horizontally from each side of any electric meter, meter box, electric switch, cutout, circuit breaker, meter, socket or receptacle or any other electrical device which may open a circuit or cause an arc or spark, nor within two feet when above or at the side of same, unless such equipment is in an explosion proof case.

Meters located outside of buildings shall be housed in an approved weatherproof cabinet, constructed of brick, masonry, concrete, sheet metal or other durable material. The cabinet shall be located at the building wall where the house riser piping passes into the building.

2. That this ordinance shall be published in the Alexandria Gazette not later than two days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The clerk of the council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

FRANKLIN P. BACKUS,
Mayor.

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