

Ordinance No. 644

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter XXXI of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia enacted as a whole July 2, 1940 and made effective August 5, 1940 by adding a new section thereto numbered Section 31-B, which said chapter relates to offenses and punishments and which said new Section 31-B relates to the sale and use of airguns within the city and prescribes penalties for violations.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. That 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 by adding a new Section thereto numbered Section 31-B to read as follows:

Sec. 31-B Airguns.

a. "Airgun" means any air rifle, BB gun, spring gun or similar gun or device for the propulsion of shot or other metal pellet by means of compressed air, mechanical spring action or other mechanical method, but does not mean a firearm.

b. The term "dealer" means any person engaged in the business of selling at retail or renting airguns or projectiles therefor.

c. The term "minor" means any person under the age of 16 years.

d. It shall be unlawful for any dealer or any other person to sell, lend, rent or otherwise transfer an airgun or projectiles therefor to any person whom the dealer or any other person knows, or has reasonable cause to believe to be a minor.

e. It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge an airgun within the City of Alexandria. This does not prohibit the City Council from granting permission for the maintenance of shooting galleries or target ranges under suitable regulations.

f. It shall further be the duty of any person or dealer who sells, rents, or lends an airgun to inform the person to whom it is transferred that it is unlawful to fire or discharge the same within the city.

g. Any person or dealer violating any of the provisions of this section, or who falsely represents himself as being 16 years of age or over in order to obtain an airgun shall, upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00, nor more than \$300.00, or by imprisonment in jail for a period not to exceed three (3) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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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