

# Ordinance No. 684

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reenact Section 22, of Chapter XII-A of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, which said chapter was adopted by Ordinance No. 417 and relates to the operation of taxicabs and for hire vehicles on the streets of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and which said section relates to general regulations applicable to public vehicles and which said section was amended and reenacted by Ordinance No. 495.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

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 and relates to the operation of taxicabs and for hire vehicles on the streets of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and which said section relates to general regulations applicable to public vehicles and which said section was amended by Ordinance No. 495, be and the same hereby is amended and reenacted 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 driver shall keep on a form, to be furnished at cost by the Hack Inspector of the City, 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, the response or service rendered in accordance therewith, the number of passengers transported, and the tariff charged. Such record shall be kept from the time the driver starts on duty until the time the driver goes off duty. Entries shall be made on the form at the time the call for service is received and at the time the response or service is rendered. Such record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Superintendent of Police of Alexandria or to any member of his department. All such public vehicles when off duty shall carry, on its front windshield, prominently displayed, a sign bearing the words "OFF DUTY"

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 vehicle 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 furnishings of transportation by public vehicles in the City of Alexandria.

Section 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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