

Ordinance No. 788

AN ORDINANCE to amend 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 chapter thereto numbered Chapter XI-C, which chapter relates to Parades and the regulation and operation thereof and provides for permits and penalties for the violation of regulations.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to the safety, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Alexandria, to regulate the holding of parades on the City streets in order to protect travel and traffic, prevent accidents, maintain peace and good order, prevent littering the streets, curtail obscenity and to help defray the expense of said regulations, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 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 chapter XI-C to read as follows:

CHAPTER XI-C

PARADES

Sec. 1. Unlawful to Parade Without Permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, company, society, association, organization, lodge, club, gathering or group of any kind to parade or march or to attempt to parade, march or hold a procession of motorcade in or upon any of the streets, highways, boulevards, avenues, or roads, of the City of Alexandria until such person or group first obtains the permit hereinafter provided for in this chapter.

Sec. 2. Application for Permit.

Each applicant for a permit shall in a writing made out in duplicate file a notice with the City Manager requesting permission to hold a parade. The application shall be filed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date upon which the parade is to be held. Each request shall also state the name of the persons or organization holding the parade, the purpose, the number of participants, the number of vehicles and floats, the proposed route, the time the parade will take, and such other pertinent data that would assist the City in making plans to conduct the parade. In unusual cases the above mentioned fifteen (15) day interval may be waived by the Traffic Board.

Sec. 3. Traffic and Parking Board Hearing.

Upon receipt of a proper application to hold a parade the City Manager shall refer said application to the Traffic and Parking Board, which Board shall consider the application and grant or deny

the permission to hold the parade pursuant to the requirements hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 4. Parade Requirements.

- a. No parade shall be held in the City which will cause a riot or threaten some tangible public or private mischief.
- b. No parade shall be held in the City which is obscene or immoral.
- c. No parade shall be held in the City in which the participants litter the streets or sidewalks unless the party holding the parade shall insure the City that such littering or refuse caused by said parade shall be cleaned up immediately upon the termination of the parade.
- d. No parade shall be held in the City except at a time place and route designated by the City Traffic and Parking Board. The City Traffic and Parking Board, except as herein expressly provided, is hereby empowered to make such designations provided they are reasonable, will aid in protecting the safety, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will carry out the intent and purpose of this chapter.
- e. All Parades shall break ranks or maneuvers upon the approach of any emergency vehicle so as to allow such vehicle to continue on its way.

Sec. 5. Granting or Denial of Permit.

If the applicant's parade meets the requirements set forth in Sec. 4 above then the Traffic and Parking Board shall grant a permit subject to the payment of the permit fee hereinafter required.

If the applicant's parade does not meet the requirements then the permit shall be denied by said Board.

Sec. 6. Permit Fee.

When the Traffic and Parking Board has agreed to grant a parade permit pursuant to Section 5 above the applicant shall pay a permit fee to the Office of the City Manager, to help cover the expense of regulating said parade, as follows:

- \$ 5.00 small parades, motorcades, and processions not exceeding 660 feet in length.
- \$10.00 parades, motorcades, processions more than 660 feet in length but not exceeding 1320 feet.
- \$25.00 parades, motorcades, processions exceeding 1320 feet.

The cost of paying off duty policemen used in the handling of any parade, motorcade or procession.

The permit fee based on the size of the parade shall be

mandatory and shall not be waived, however, the cost of paying for off duty policemen may be waived by the City Council.

Sec 7. Regulation of Parades by City Manager and Police Department.

The City Manager and Police Department of the City are hereby authorized and empowered to take such lawful action as may be necessary to carry out the regulations and requirements of this chapter, insure an orderly parade or procession, prevent obstruction to and insure the full flow of traffic, and to prevent riots and disorder, and to hire special policemen and employees to aid in these measures.

Sec. 8. Penalties For Violation.

Any person or persons violating any provision of this Chapter, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00 or imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 9. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five 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.

Marshall J. Beverley,
Mayor.

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