

Ordinance No. 884

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 31-79.28, Section 31-79.29, and Section 31-79.35, Division 3, and Section 31-79.55, Section 31-79.56, and Section 31-79.62, Division 4, all of Article I, Chapter 31 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which said Section 31-79.28 relates to ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF DRIVER'S PERMIT BY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, which said Section 31-79.29 relates to APPEALS—WHEN ALLOWED, which said Section 31-79.35 relates to EXPIRATION OF PERMIT, which said Division 3 relates to DRIVER'S PERMIT, which said Section 31-79.55 relates to "OFF DUTY" SIGNS, which said Section 31-79.56 relates to MANIFEST KEEPING AND RECORDS OF VEHICLES IN USE, ETC., which said Section 31-79.62 relates to DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY LEFT IN VEHICLES, which said Division 4 relates to EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF VEHICLES, which said Article I relates to TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES, and which said Chapter 31 relates to TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 31-79.28, Division 3, Article I, Chapter 31 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 31-79.28. ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF DRIVER'S PERMIT BY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Upon qualification of the applicant under the provisions of Section 31-79.26, a prompt local investigation of the applicant shall be made by the Police Department. If such local investigation reveals to the Superintendent of Police no reason for refusal of a driver's permit as hereinbelow provided, a temporary permit, so indicated as such, shall be issued immediately to the applicant, under which said applicant may proceed to drive until either a regular permit is issued to him or is denied, unless said temporary permit is otherwise suspended or revoked pursuant to the provisions of this article. On receipt and evaluation of the complete investigation authorized by Section 31-79.25, the Superintendent of Police shall forthwith either grant a regular taxicab driver's permit to the applicant or notify him immediately of the denial of such permit. The temporary permit issued pursuant to this section shall, upon the granting or denial of said regular permit, become null and void.

If, after the abovementioned local investigation and/or the complete investigation, the Superintendent of Police finds that an applicant is not qualified because of any of the provisions of this chapter or any other reason that would jeopardize the health, safety or welfare of the public, he shall refuse to issue the applicant a driver's permit.

Section 2. That Section 31-79.29, Division 3, Article I, Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 31-79.29. APPEALS — WHEN ALLOWED

When an application for a driver's permit under this article is denied pursuant to Section 31-79.28, the applicant may appeal to the board or other authorized agency.

Section 3. That Section 31-79.35, Division 3, Article I, Chapter 31 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 31-79.35. EXPIRATION OF PERMIT

All driver's permits under this article, except temporary driver's permits issued pursuant to Section 31-79.28, shall expire on December thirty-first of the year in which issued unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Section 4. That Section 31-79.55, Division 4, Article I, Chapter 31 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 31-79.55. "OFF DUTY" SIGNS

All vehicles operated pursuant to this article shall carry, prominently displayed on the front windshield, a sign bearing the words "OFF DUTY," whenever any such vehicle is driven by an operator other than a duly licensed taxicab driver, or in transporting a non-paying passenger, or is driven by an off-duty taxicab driver.

Section 5. That Section 31-79.56, Division 4, Article I, Chapter 31 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 31-79.56. MANIFEST KEEPING AND RECORDS OF VEHICLES IN USE, ETC.

Every driver shall keep on a form to be prescribed by the City, a manifest, which, in addition to the information required by the City, may contain personal information. The driver shall record on the manifest the place, date and time the transportation of each paying passenger terminated, and the amount of the fare, all of which shall be recorded upon the termination of each such transportation and before transportation of any other passenger is begun. Every driver shall turn in his manifest to the owner of the cab which he drove within twenty-four hours after each on-duty session. All manifests regardless of whose possession they may be in shall be subject at all times to examination or inspection by the Hack Inspector or any police officer. Owners shall be responsible for the safekeeping and production of manifests to the police department except in instances where an owner's cab

belongs to a group or association of taxicabs, in which case the owner shall turn in the manifest for his cab to his association within twenty-four hours after receipt from the driver, and the association shall be responsible. Every manifest shall be kept and preserved for four months. Upon demand from the Police Department, manifests shall be made available for inspection by the owner or the association when an owner belongs to one within six hours after demand.

The owner of each taxicab shall keep a record of what taxicabs are in use and what drivers are using them at all times. This record shall be available at all times for examination and inspection by the Hack Inspector or any police officer and shall be preserved for four months.

Section 6. That Section 31-79.62, Division 4, Article I, Chapter 31 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

SEC. 31-79.62. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY LEFT IN VEHICLES

Every driver of a vehicle operated pursuant to this chapter shall preserve carefully all money or other property left in any public vehicle and shall report same to the Hack Inspector. When such money or other property shall have been identified and the ownership established, the same shall be surrendered promptly to such owner.

Section 7. 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 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.

LEROY S. BENDHEIM
Mayor

Final Passage: December 27, 1953