

Ordinance No. 911

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 1 and Division 3, Article II, Chapter 19, of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which Division 1 relates to TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD, which Division 3 relates to DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC GENERALLY, which Article II relates to POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES; SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKERS GENERALLY; TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, and which Chapter 19 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Division 1, Article II, Chapter 19, 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:

DIVISION 1. TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

Sec. 19-20 COMPOSITION, ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established a Traffic and Parking Board which shall be composed of seven residents of the City who are not serving on any other official City body. The members shall be appointed by the City Council for terms of two (2) years, provided, however, that the initial appointments made under the authority of his section shall be for one (1) year terms for four of the members and two (2) year terms for the other three members. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation and may be removed by the City Council for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office after written notice and a public hearing. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by Council appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The Chairman of the Board shall be selected by the members of the Board.

Sec. 19-21 MEETING, CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS CONCERNING TRAFFIC, PARKING, AND TAXICABS

The Traffic and Parking Board shall meet at least once each month and all matters concerning traffic, parking, and taxicabs, shall be presented to the Board for its consideration prior to action by the Director of Traffic or presentation to the City Council.

Sec. 19-22 DUTY AND AUTHORITY GENERALLY

It shall be the duty of the Traffic and Parking Board to, within the limits of the funds at its disposal, investigate, study and analyze traffic and parking problems within the City, receive complaints having to do with traffic and parking matters, devise plans, methods and means to control and relieve parking and traffic congestion, have jurisdiction over taxicabs and their owners and operators as specified in Chapter 31 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, control parades within the City, prepare reports on traffic, parking, and taxicabs, and render advice and make recommendations to the City Manager, the City Planning Commission and, through the City Manager, to the City Council and other officers and agencies of the City Government.

Sec. 19-22.1 CITY OFFICIALS ADVISORY TO THE BOARD

The City Manager and/or any member of his staff whom he design-

nates may sit with the Traffic and Parking Board in an advisory and consulting capacity but with no right to vote.

Section 2. That Division 3, Article II, Chapter 19, 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:

DIVISION 3. DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC GENERALLY

Sec. 19-29 DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC

There is hereby established, under the City Manager, a department to be known as the Department of Traffic.

Sec. 19-30 DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC APPOINTMENT

There shall be appointed by the City Manager a Director of Traffic who shall be a person who has had training and experience in the movement and control of traffic and parking.

Sec. 19-31 DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC, POWERS AND DUTIES GENERALLY

The Director of Traffic, under the City Manager, shall have general direction and supervision of the Department of Traffic. He shall administer such traffic rules, regulations, plans, ordinances and laws as may be applicable to the Department of Traffic within the City; he shall act as a consultant to and clerk for the Traffic and Parking Board and keep a permanent record of its meetings, findings and recommendations, and he shall also perform such other compatible duties as may be properly assigned to him.

Sec. 19-32 DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC, POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFICALLY

The Director of Traffic under the City Manager shall, BUT subject to review by the City Council, shall:

- (a) Conduct, within funds at his disposal, studies of street traffic accidents, traffic congestion, and other conditions affecting the safe and convenient use of the City streets.
- (b) Cooperate with other City departments in the design and construction of street improvements.
- (c) After adequate studies, and consideration by the Traffic and Parking Board, design, locate, establish, and maintain, except when action of the City Council is prescribed by Sec. 19-33, the following:
 1. Signs, signals, markings, pylons, channels, and other devices for guiding and controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
 2. Crosswalks at intersections for the protection of pedestrians.
 3. Safety zones to protect pedestrians.
 4. Traffic lanes for the movement of traffic.
 5. Stop signs at intersections.
 6. Yield right of way signs at intersections.
 7. Transit stop signs.

8. Commercial and passenger loading zones.
 9. No parking and no standing zones.
 10. Entrances and exits to private driveways where traffic enters or leaves public streets.
 11. No parking areas or traffic detours in the event of any emergency or special condition when the Director of Traffic is of the opinion that the best interests of the City will be served thereby, provided, however, no such parking prohibition or detour shall remain in effect for more than ten days.
 12. Test traffic control devices for short periods of time.
- (d) Prepare and submit to the City Manager an annual report of the operations of the Department of Traffic.

Sec. 19-33 CONTROLS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

The following shall be established only when authorized by action of the City Council:

1. One-way streets.
2. Parking meter zones.
3. Any electrically operated signal or device.
4. Prohibition of parking on more than 1/2 of any City block, including both street sides.
5. Transit routes.
6. Truck routes.

Sec. 19-34 CONTROLS ESTABLISHED BY DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC, CHANGE OF

Any person desiring to remove or change any control device established by the Director of Traffic shall first apply to the Traffic and Parking Board. After a hearing is had before said Board, the Board shall forward its recommendation to the City Council and such person may apply to the City Council for a further hearing. The City Council shall have the power to retain, remove, or change any such control, provided the Council has examined the recommendation from the Traffic and Parking Board, received a report on the matter from the Director of Traffic and held a hearing in relation thereto.

Section 3. 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.

LEROY S. BENDHEIM
Mayor

Final Passage: May 22, 1956