

# Ordinance No. 915

**AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article I, Chapter 15 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which Article I relates to HEALTH IN GENERAL and which Chapter 15 relates to HEALTH AND SANITATION.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article I, Chapter 15 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:

## **ARTICLE I—HEALTH IN GENERAL**

### **Sec. 15-1 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

The head of the Department of Public Health shall be the Director of Public Health who shall be appointed and removed by the City Manager as provided by law.

### **Sec. 15-2 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH— POWERS AND DUTIES**

The Director of Public Health, under the City Manager, shall have charge of the public health and sanitary affairs of the City, and he shall be the administrative head of the Department of Health. Under the City Manager, it shall be his duty to see that all health and sanitary laws, ordinances and regulations applicable in the City are enforced, and he shall have control of the prevention and eradication of contagious and infectious diseases and do what is necessary and lawful to prevent epidemics. He shall also perform such further compatible duties as may be lawfully assigned to him, including that of acting as local registrar of vital statistics.

### **Sec. 15-3 BOARD OF HEALTH—COMPOSITION**

There shall be a Board of Health composed of seven members appointed by the City Council for terms of three (3) years. Three members of the Board shall be physicians practicing in the City of Alexandria, who shall be nominated by the Alexandria Medical Society; one member shall be a dentist nominated by the Alexandria Dental Society; one member shall be a veterinarian; and two members shall be citizens.

### **Sec. 15-4 BOARD OF HEALTH—MEETINGS**

The Board of Health shall select from its membership a chairman and a secretary. The Board shall adopt its own rules for the conduct of its meetings. The Board shall meet at least once each month during each year except for the months of June, July, and August. The secretary of the Board shall also keep a permanent but informal record of the proceedings of the Board.

### **Sec. 15-5 BOARD OF HEALTH—POWERS AND DUTIES**

It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to, within the limits of the funds at its disposal, consider, study, and analyze Public Health within the City and to render advice and make recommendations concerning Public Health to the Director of Public Health, City Manager, and to the City Council through the City Manager.

Section 2. 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: June 12, 1956.