

# Ordinance No. 949

**AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article IV, Chapter 17 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which said Article IV relates to MOTOR VEHICLES; TRUCKS AND TRAILERS; MOTORCYCLES, and which said Chapter 17 relates to LICENSES.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article IV, Chapter 17 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 IV

### MOTOR VEHICLES; TRUCKS AND TRAILERS; MOTORCYCLES

#### Sec. 17-89 PASSENGER VEHICLES

On all vehicles designed for the transportation of passengers, and used regularly by local residents on the streets of this City, there shall be an annual license tax for each vehicle in the amount of Seven Dollars (\$7.00). Each such vehicle shall be provided with a proper City license tag which shall be attached securely to either the front or rear State license tag and kept in full view at all times.

#### Sec. 17-90 PASSENGER VEHICLES FOR HIRE

The annual license tax on automobiles for hire, including taxicabs, sightseeing vehicles, ambulances, rented or leased passenger type vehicles, and all other for-hire vehicles designed and used for the transportation of passengers, shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) on each vehicle. With regard to such passenger type vehicles which are used for any private use in addition to being for rent or for hire, the license tax herein imposed shall be in addition to any and all other license taxes assessed against the owners of said vehicles under and pursuant to the other provisions of this Article and of this Chapter.

Each such vehicle shall be provided with a City for-hire tag which shall be attached to the top of the rear State license tag and kept in full view at all times.

#### Sec. 17-91 TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

On all motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers not designed and used for the transportation of passengers, used on the streets of the City by local residents or by persons regularly conducting a business or occupation in the City, there shall be an annual license tax on each vehicle to be determined by the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles of which it is a part, when loaded to the maximum capacity for which it is registered and licensed by the State of Virginia, according to the schedule of fees herein set forth. (If the vehicle is not registered in Virginia, the stated gross weight on the registration card issued by the state of registry shall be used. In the latter case, if such other state of registry does not require declaration of maximum gross weight, applicant shall certify to the Commissioner of Revenue as to maximum gross weight to be carried at any time.) For each thousand pounds of gross weight, or major fraction thereof, for which any such vehicle is so registered and licensed, there shall be paid the amount of license tax indicated in the following schedule immediately opposite the weight group into which such vehicle or any combination of vehicles of which it is a part, falls when loaded to the maximum capacity for which it is so registered and licensed, provided that in no case shall the fee be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00)

Gross Weight Groups (Pounds)	Fee Per Thousand Pounds of Gross Weight
Up to 12,000 -----	\$10.00
12,001 - 13,000 -----	.95
13,001 - 14,000 -----	1.00
14,001 - 15,000 -----	1.05
15,001 - 16,000 -----	1.10
16,001 - 17,000 -----	1.15
17,001 - 18,000 -----	1.20
18,001 - 19,000 -----	1.25
19,001 - 20,000 -----	1.30
20,001 - 21,000 -----	1.35
21,001 - 22,000 -----	1.40
22,001 - 23,000 -----	1.45
23,001 - 24,000 -----	1.50
24,001 - 25,000 -----	1.55
Over 25,000 -----	\$40.00

Each such vehicle shall be provided with a proper city license tag which shall be attached to the top of the state license tag and kept in full view at all times.

**Sec. 17-92. COMBINATIONS OF TRACTOR TRUCKS AND SEMITRAILERS.**

In the cast of a combination of a tractor truck and a semitrailer, each vehicle constituting a part of such combination shall be registered as a separate vehicle, and separate vehicle license tags shall be issued therefore, but, for the purpose of determining the weight group into which any such vehicle falls pursuant to Section 17-91, the combination of vehicles of which such vehicle constitutes a part shall be considered a unit, and the aggregate gross weight of the entire combination shall determine such weight group. The fee for the license tag for a semi-trailer constituting a part of such combination shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

In determining the fee to be paid for the license tag for a tractor truck constituting a part of such combination, the fee shall be assessed at the total gross weight and the fee per thousand pounds applicable to the gross weight of the combination when loaded to the maximum capacity for which it is registered and licensed by the State of Virginia. However, there shall be no deduction from this fee for the license fee of the semitrailer in the combination.

**Sec. 17-92.1 FEES FOR CERTAIN TRAILERS**

The license tax to be paid to the City by the owner of a one or two wheel trailer with a body length of not more than nine feet and a width not greater than the width of the motor vehicle to which it is attached at any time of operation, to be attached to the owner's own motor vehicle and used only for the carrying of property belonging to the owner of such trailer, not to exceed one thousand pounds at any one time, shall be Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50). It shall be unlawful to operate any trailer so licensed, however, contrary to any restriction contained in the preceding sentence.

**Sec. 17-92.2 MOTORCYCLES**

On all motorcycles operated and used on the streets of the City by local residents or by persons regularly conducting a business or occu-

pation in the City, there shall be an annual license tax for each motorcycle in the amount of Three Dollars (\$3.00) and Two Dollars (\$2.00) additional for each sidecar.

Sec. 17-92.3 **DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases when used in this Article shall, for the purpose of this Article, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (1) **Gross Weight**—The aggregate weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles and its load.
- (2) **Motorcycle**—Every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground and any four-wheeled vehicle weighing less than five hundred pounds and equipped with an engine of less than six horsepower, except any such vehicle as may be included within the term "tractor" as herein defined.
- (3) **Motor Vehicle**—Every vehicle as herein defined which is self-propelled or designed for self-propulsion.
- (4) **Semitrailer**—Every vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.
- (5) **Tractor, or Tractor Truck**—Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the load and weight of the vehicle attached thereto.
- (6) **Trailer**—Every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle.
- (7) **Vehicle**—Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

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: March 12, 1957