

Ordinance No. 966

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Subsection (1) and Subsection (7) of Section 22-31, Article II, Chapter 22 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which Chapter 22 relates to PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING, which Article II relates to PLUMBING SPECIFICATIONS, which Section 22-31 relates to HOUSE DRAINS AND SEWERS, which Subsection (1) relates to INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS, and which Subsection (7) relates to SIZE OF HOUSE SEWERS AND HOUSE DRAINS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Subsection (1) of Section 22-31, Article II, Chapter 22 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:

(1) INDEPENDENT SYSTEMS. The drainage and plumbing system of each new building and of new work installed in an existing building shall be separate from and independent of that of any other building, except as provided below, and every building shall have an independent connection with a public or private sewer when available. Where two or more dwellings, stores, shops, establishments, tenements, warehouses, garages, or other structures, or two or more of either of them are built upon the same lot or parcel of land, even if under the same roof or a part of a larger structure, each shall be considered as a separate building and shall have a separate sewer and independent connection and shall not drain through the sewer of any other building or premises or under or through any other building.

EXCEPTION. Where one building stands in the rear of another building on an interior lot and no public or private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through adjoining alley, court, yard or driveway, the house drain from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole will be considered as one house drain.

Section 2. That Subsection (7) of Section 22-31, Article II, Chapter 22 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:

(7) SIZE OF HOUSE SEWERS AND HOUSE DRAINS. The required size of a house sewer, house drain, or branch of the house drain not receiving the discharge from fixtures on the same floor or level as the branch, shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

HOUSE SEWERS AND HOUSE DRAINS (sanitary only)

Maximum number of fixture units for		
	$\frac{1}{4}$ inch fall per foot Diameter of pipe (inches)	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch fall per foot Diameter of pipe (inches)
$1\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
2	9	12
$2\frac{1}{2}$	21	27
3 (no water closets)	45	72
4	150	210
5	370	540
6	720	1050
8	1860	2640
10	3600	5250
12	6300	9300

No water closet shall discharge into a drain less than three inches in diameter, and no main house drain or house sewer receiving discharges from water closets shall be less than four inches in diameter.

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: September 24, 1957