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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 57 (LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS KEPT PER DWELLING UNIT) of Chapter 7 (ANIMALS AND FOWL) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 5, Chapter 7, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by deleting the text shown in strikethrough and adding the text shown in underline as follows:

Sec. 5-7-57 Limitation on number of dogs and cats kept per dwelling unit.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than ~~three~~five dogs over four months of age or four cats over four months of age in any dwelling unit in the city.

(b) ~~Any person who, on October 1, 1995, is lawfully keeping more than the number of dogs and cats permitted by this section shall be entitled to continue to keep all such dogs and cats, so long as they are duly licensed and inoculated in accordance with this article. However, it shall be unlawful for any such person to keep any dog or cat acquired after October 1, 1995, unless the total number of dogs and cats kept by the person does not exceed the number of dogs and cats permitted by subsection (a) of this section.~~

(c) ~~This section shall not apply to any person authorized to operate a "kennel," as that term is defined in the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.~~

Section 2. That Section 5-7-57 as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JUSTIN WILSON
Mayor

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