

ORDINANCE NO. 4922

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 9, Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by the amendment of Section 9-12-32(b) and the addition of subsections (q) and (r) to Section 9-12-57, to read as follows:

(New language is underscored; deleted material is ~~stricken~~)

Sec. 9-12-32 - Requirements for certificate holders.

Each certificate holder shall:

- (a) Provide 24-hour service;
- (b) Provide ~~a radio~~ dispatch service located within the boundaries of the city that meets the following:

(Subsequent sections of the ordinance remain unchanged.)

Sec. 9-12-57 - Service requirements.

The following are minimum service requirements that must be met by all drivers holding a driver's permit issued under this division:

(Intervening sections of the ordinance remain unchanged.)

(q) *Smoking in taxicabs.* Smoking shall be prohibited in taxicabs at all times.

(r) *Cell phone and mobile device use.* Drivers shall not use cell phones or other mobile devices when transporting passengers except for emergencies and trip related activities.

Sec. 9-12-81 - Requirements for vehicles.

Every taxicab and the equipment used in connection therewith, subject to a vehicle permit

pursuant to this division, shall at all times comply with the following minimum standards:

(Intervening sections of the ordinance remain unchanged.)

- (k) *Two-way radios.* Every taxicab shall be equipped with a ~~two-way radio, properly installed and kept in working order at all times. Such radios shall be operated in compliance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Each radio unit will have a~~ properly operating device that provides the ability to conduct a two-way conversation with the taxicab dispatcher. ~~The hack inspector shall be provided with the serial number of each radio.~~

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE  
Mayor

Final Passage: January 24, 2015