

1 Introduction and first reading: June 13, 2018

2 Public hearing: June 23, 2018

3 Second reading and enactment: June 23, 2018

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5 INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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7 Title

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9 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article 3 (AIR GUNS) of Chapter 2 (WEAPONS) of  
10 Title 13 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of  
11 Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

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13 Summary

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15 The City Code currently contains regulations for “Air Guns” that was adopted in 1963. The  
16 current provisions: i) prohibit discharge of air guns anywhere in the City unless at a range with  
17 permission of City Council; ii) prohibit use of air guns by minors and prohibit others from  
18 providing air guns to minors.

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20 The General Assembly has enacted Virginia Code 15.2-915.4, which specifically deals with the  
21 City’s authority to regulate pneumatic guns or “air guns.” Under this statute, two amendments  
22 to the City Code are required. First, the City needs to add an exception to the blanket  
23 prohibition of discharging air guns in the City for shooting ranges and private property where  
24 reasonable care is taken for safety measures. Second, the City needs to repeal the prohibition  
25 on minors using air guns and replace it with requirements of supervision or permission of  
26 parents for minors.

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28 This City has not experienced significant issues with air guns and there have been no citations  
29 issued in the past few years for a violation of this measure.

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31 This Ordinance is part of the comprehensive effort to update the City Code consistent with  
32 State Code updates.

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43 Authority

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45 § 2.04, Alexandria City Charter  
46 Virginia Code § 15.2-915.4

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48 Estimated Costs of Implementation

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3       Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

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5       Virginia Code § 15.2-915.4