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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 8 (“JUNK DEALERS, ANTIQUES DEALERS, CANVASSERS, PAWNBROKERS AND DEALERS IN SECONDHAND ARTICLES, PRECIOUS METALS OR GEMS”) of Title 9 (“LICENSING AND REGULATION”) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

Chapter 8, Article A of the City Code establishes a policy for the City to exercise its powers to regulate the purchase or pawn of junk, antiques, and secondhand articles, precious metals and gems by pawnbrokers and other dealers by requiring the holding of each article for a 15 day period and requiring that records be kept for each purchase. Furthermore, Chapter 8, Article B, Sections 9-8-15 and 9-8-16, establishes requirements for recording of transactions and reporting the details of such transactions to the Police Department. The ordinance amendment updates the City Code to make it current with emerging technologies, to allow the most efficient method of delivery of transaction records, and to eliminate burden on businesses of extraneous reporting requirements. It further provides an enforcement measure for the Police Department if a regulated business refuses to report the transaction records electronically.

This Ordinance is part of the comprehensive effort to update the City Code.

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Authority

§ 2.04(r), Alexandria City Charter

Alexandria City Code 9-8-1

Virginia Code 54.1-4009, 54.1-4010

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None