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Dear Residents and Business Owners:

The City of Alexandria is implementing recommendations by the Ad Hoc Motorcoach Task Force regarding motorcoach management.

The group's recommendations were approved by City Council at its public hearing on Saturday, March 14 and are available on-line at >> www.alexandriava.gov/motorcoach

Among the recommendations is a request that the City Manager instruct the Police Department to enforce existing ordinances more aggressively with respect to motorcoach traffic and parking, and request that the Police Department collect and report data on motorcoach enforcement activity.

Pursuant to this recommendation, the Police Department will begin an active enforcement campaign on **Monday, March 30**. The City encourages business owners and motorcoach operators to be mindful of all traffic and parking laws in City and State code. The Police Department will focus on three particular violations:

- Idling longer than 15 minutes is prohibited by Virginia Code §46.2-1224.1 subject to a \$50 fine. Additionally, City Code 9-12-164 stipulates that buses parked in designated spots must turn off their motors when parked.
- Double parking; stopping so as to obstruct traffic and stopping to load or unload passengers in the traveled portion of any street are prohibited according to City Code 10-4-4, 10-4-5 and 10-4-15. The penalty is a \$200 fine.
- Tour and sight-seeing buses may not use locations other than designated parking spaces according to City Code 9-12-162. The penalty is a \$100 fine.

We strongly urge you to communicate this information to motorcoach operators and clients. Information about legal motorcoach loading and unloading areas as well as short- and long-term parking locations is available on-line at:
www.alexandriava.gov/motorcoach

For more information or copies of the "Motorcoach Rules & Regulations for Historic Alexandria, Virginia" brochure, please contact:
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Sincerely,



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