

ORDINANCE NO. O2024.02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 20 OF THE TEMPE CITY CODE, RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMISSION, ETC., TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-365 RELATING TO ESTABLISHED; COMPOSITION.

WHEREAS, under the Arizona Constitution, a city with a population of more than 3,500 people is entitled to establish a charter for its government and that a charter city is granted autonomy over matters of local interests; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Tempe established the Tempe City Charter in 1964 that vests policy making in the Tempe City Council; and

WHEREAS, to incorporate greater flexibility, diversity, and better local representation in the Tempe Veterans Commission, and to assist in recruitment of Commission membership, the existing Tempe Veterans Commission has recommended that the City Council revise the Tempe Veterans Commission’s composition criteria as reflected in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article V, Division 20, Section 2-365 of the Tempe City Code is hereby amended as follows:

DIVISION 20. - TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-365. - Established; composition.

(a) There is hereby established the Tempe Veterans Commission to be composed of eleven (11) members. The commission will include a member from each of the following existing United States Military and Veteran Service Areas:

- (1) ~~Arizona Coalition of Military Families or designee~~ TEMPE VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION;
- (2) Veteran Supportive Business or Government Agency;

- (3) Pat Tillman Veterans Center at Arizona State University or designee;
- (4) Maricopa Community College District or designee;
- (5) Veteran supportive service organization;
- (6) Veteran health and wellness organization;
- (7) Veteran housing advocacy and assistance;
- (8) Two (2) At-Large Veteran Members, one (1) of whom resides in the City of Tempe;
- (9) Two (2) At-Large Members, one (1) of whom resides in the City of Tempe.

(b) In addition to the terms of office as specified in Section 2-182 of this article, terms shall be staggered so that the term of no more than four (4) members shall conclude in any given year. Members shall serve three-year terms for no more than two (2) complete consecutive terms.

(c) The Human Services Director or designee shall serve the veterans commission staff liaison and in an advisory capacity.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Tempe City Charter, Section 2.12, ordinances are effective thirty (30) days after adoption or at any later date specified therein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, this 4th day of January, 2024.

Corey D. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kara A. DeArrastia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia M. Blain, City Attorney