

ORDINANCE NO. 02021.04

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AMENDING
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, TEMPE CITY CODE,
RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.,
BY AMENDING DIVISION 20, RELATING TO
THE COMPOSITION OF THE TEMPE VETERANS
COMMISSION.**

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

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article V 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;
- (2) Arizona Department of Veterans Services or designee;
- (3) Pat Tillman Veterans Center at Arizona State University or designee;
- (4) ~~East Valley Veterans Education Center~~ 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 At-Large Veteran Members, One Of Whom Resides In The City Of Tempe
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(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 as the Veterans Commission staff liaison and in an advisory capacity.

Sec. 2-366. Officers.

(a) Three members shall serve as officers in the capacity of chair, vice-chair and secretary. Terms shall be January to December. The initial officers of the commission shall be selected by the mayor with the approval of the city council to serve a term commencing in January and ending December 31 that same year. Thereafter, the officers of the commission shall be selected by the commission members in December to begin their term in January. No officer may serve in the same capacity for more than three (3) consecutive one-year terms.

Sec. 2-367. Powers and duties.

The Tempe Veterans Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To advise the mayor and city council and assist city departments on veteran programs, policies, and practices designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in Tempe;
- (2) To educate the community on the status of veterans' rights, needs, and contributions to our community;
- (3) To recommend ways to strengthen existing services for veterans while pursuing the creation of new program and service opportunities;
- (4) To develop and promote benchmarks as outlined by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families for assisting the City of Tempe and its business community earn recognition as “Arizona Veteran Supportive Employers”;
- (5) To assist in creating and supporting a community connection point to inform, guide, and direct military veterans seeking personal and professional enhancement services that may include education, mentoring, workforce support, and health and wellness; and
- (6) To advise on supportive affordable housing projects for veteran families.

Sec. 2-368. Meetings.

The Tempe Veterans Commission shall conduct regular meetings six (6) times in a calendar year and have the ability to call a special meeting pursuant rules and regulations adopted in accordance with Section 2-181(a)(2). Regular meetings shall not be held more frequently than two (2) meetings in any 30-day period.

Sec. 2-369---2-372. Reserved.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Tempe City Charter, Section 2.12, ordinances are effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Corey D. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla Reece, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Judith R. Baumann, City Attorney