



## Legislation Text

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II, ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND AGENCIES, PART 2, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES, COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, 2000, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP AND FURTHER DEFINE ITS PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS**

**Sponsor: Council Member Joseph A. McCallum, Jr.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

**[Note: Additions are shown as bold and underline, deletions are shown as strikethroughs]**

SECTION 1. Title II, Administration, Chapter 2, Office of the Mayor and Agencies, Part 2, Boards, Commissions and Agencies, Commission on Veterans Affairs, of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Newark, New Jersey, 2000, as amended and supplemented, is hereby amended as follows:

2:2-40. COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS.

2:2-40.1. Established.

The Commission on Veterans Affairs (hereinafter called the "Commission") is hereby established. The Commission shall report to the Mayor. (Ord. 6Ff, 2-7-90)

2:2-40.2. General Purpose.

The Commission shall pursue the general purpose of improving the status of veterans in Newark through coordinating, networking, advocacy, policy recommendations and other methods deemed necessary and appropriate. The Commission shall serve as the Municipal agent in coordinating veterans' affairs with all veterans groups and organizations within the City. (Ord. 6S+Ff, 2-7-90)

2:2-40.3. Definitions.

As used in this Section:

Veteran shall mean any person who has served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and is in receipt of an honorable discharge from same. (Ord. 6S+Ff, 2-7-90)

2:2-40.4. Membership of Commission; Appointment; Terms.

a. The Commission shall consist of ~~seventeen (17)~~ **twenty-one (21)** members, including

two (2) members of the Municipal Council. **The Commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the confirmation of the Municipal Council.** The Mayor shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Commission. A majority of the Commission shall be comprised of veterans.

b. The initial appointments by the Mayor shall be as follows: five (5) appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years; five (5) for a term of two (2) years and seven (7) for a term of one (1) year including the two (2) members of the Municipal Council. **by the Mayor shall be for a term of four (4) years.**

c. All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three (3) **four (4)** years for the unexpired term. (Ord. 6S+Ff, 2-7-90; Ord. 6S+Fn, 3-6-91). **Subsequent appointments may be recommended by the Commission's Executive Board to the Mayor and appointed by the Mayor, subject to the confirmation of the Municipal Council. Executive Board recommendations must be submitted no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of current Commissioners' terms.**

2:2-40.5. Officers of the Commission.

There shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be selected by the Commission. (Ord. 6S+Ff, 2-7-90)

2:2-40.6. Commission Meetings.

The Commission shall meet at least four (4) **six (6)** times per year and issue bi-annual reports **to the Mayor** regarding its activities, and a copy will be filed in the Office of the City Clerk. (Ord. 6S+Ff, 2-7-90)

#### **2:2-40.7 Compensation.**

**All members of the Commission are volunteers, excluding ex-officio members who are City employees, and shall perform their duties without compensation.**

#### **2:2-40.8. Facilities and services made available to the Commission.**

**The Mayor shall, through the Business Administrator and the Department Directors, subject to available appropriation, make and cause to be made, services and provisions that are necessary for the adequate function of the Commission.**

#### **2:2-40.9. Activities.**

**The Commission shall have the power to research grant opportunities and ,through the Business Administrator, to apply for such grants subject to Municipal Council approval. The Commission may also conduct fund-raising events and solicit funds for projects, events, and operating expenses.**

Section 2. Repealer.

An ordinance or part thereof that conflicts with this amendment shall be deemed repealed.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance amendment shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect, unless the ruling materially alters the intent of the enactment.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

**STATEMENT**

An ordinance amending Title II, Administration, Chapter 2, Office of the Mayor and Agencies, Part 2, Boards, Commissions and Agencies, to increase the membership and term of the Commission on Veterans Affairs and to further define its purpose and functions.