

ORDINANCE NO. 4991

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, BY ADDING SECTION 2-22, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, The City of Chandler is home to a strong and dedicated community of military personnel and veterans that have bravely served their country in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, The Chandler City Council is committed to honoring the service and sacrifice of Chandler's military, veterans, their families, and the organizations that serve them; and

WHEREAS, The Chandler City Council recognizes the opportunity to provide a forum for collaboration and partnership to further support the military and veteran community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, that Section 2-22 of Chapter 2 of the Chandler City Code, is hereby added to read as follows:

2-22. Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

There is hereby established the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission, which shall consist of seven (7) members, appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of the Chandler City Council. These members shall be residents of Chandler or representatives of veteran focused businesses or associations serving the residents of the City. At least five (5) members will be current members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces, or representatives from veteran service organizations serving the residents of the City.

2-22.1 Terms of Office. The terms of office for the Commission shall be for three (3) years, except during the establishment of the commission the terms shall be staggered to allow for a transition of membership. Initial members shall be appointed for the following terms: Two (2) members shall serve for one (1) year; two (2) members shall serve for two (2) years; and three (3) members shall serve for three (3) years.

2-22.2 Purpose, Function and Duties. The Military and Veterans Affairs Commission shall serve as an Advisory Commission to the Chandler City Council. The Commission may adopt rules of procedure which may, among other things, set forth the time and place of meetings and the operating procedures of the Commission. The purpose, function and duties of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission shall be:

- A. To advise the Mayor and Council concerning military and veterans related issues including the quality and effectiveness of veteran's services in Chandler;
- B. Educate the military and veteran community on available resources and support;
- C. Collaborate and coordinate activities with military and veteran associations, commissions, and relevant government agencies; and
- D. Consider ways to acknowledge and honor the service and dedication of current military service personnel, veterans, and their family members; and
- E. Such other functions and duties as may from time to time be approved by the City Council.

2-22.3 Officers and staff. The Military and Veterans Affairs Commission shall elect its own officers at the first meeting of each year. No officer elected to the Commission shall serve in the same capacity for more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms. The City Manager/designee shall staff the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission.

2-22.4. Grounds for Removal or Forfeiture of Office. The grounds for removal of members of forfeiture of office will be in accordance with Section 2-6 of this Code.

Section 2. Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, or any parts hereof, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Providing for Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

INTRODUCED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, on this 14th day of October 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this 14th day of October, 2021.

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 4991 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of October, 2021, and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY



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