

Chapter 16.09 - VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

16.09.010 - Created.

Pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 36505—36506 of the California Government Code, there is hereby created a veterans and military families advisory committee, consisting of seven voting members to be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the city council, and serving at the pleasure of the mayor and city council. Of the seven voting members, of which at least five shall be residents, and up to two may be non-residents.

(Ord. No. 2017-2432, § 2, 2-21-2017; Ord. No. 2020-2483, § I, 9-15-2020)

16.09.020 - Purpose.

The National City Veterans and Military Families Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the city council of the city of National City on matters related to the support of our veterans and military community. The committee makes recommendations to the city council with respect to veterans and military service member-related issues, ceremonies, and other activities that occur within National City. Committee meetings provide a forum for discussion of issues relating to veterans and military families. The committee provides advice and assistance to National City residents regarding resources available for veterans, military personnel, and their families. The committee acts as a conduit of communication and coordination between the local veteran and military community, and the city of National City.

The committee's responsibilities may include providing recommendations to the city council on issues of interest to veterans, military personnel, and their families; providing a forum to discuss and help resolve issues, encouraging and promoting awareness, planning and assisting the city with planning of events honoring the heritage of our veterans and military community to establish and promote positive relations within the city; and serving as a liaison between the city of National City and community partners.

(Ord. No. 2017-2432, § 2, 2-21-2017)

16.09.030 - Term—Vacancy.

- A. The members of the veterans and military families advisory committee shall be appointed for staggered terms of four years.
- B. If a vacancy occurs other than by expiration of a term, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of said term in the same manner as original appointments are made.
- C. In the event of expiration of a term, the member of the committee whose term has expired shall continue to serve until their successor is appointed and sworn into office.

(Ord. No. 2017-2432, § 2, 2-21-2017)

16.09.040 - Chair—Offices—Staff support.

The veterans and military families advisory committee shall annually elect its chair from among the appointed members and, subject to the provisions of law, may create and fill such other offices as it deems necessary. The city council shall provide such staff assistance as the council deems appropriate.

(Ord. No. 2017-2432, § 2, 2-21-2017)

16.09.050 - Bylaws and operating procedures.

The veterans and military families advisory committee may adopt bylaws and operating procedures from time to time, provided that if any provision of such bylaws or operating procedures conflicts with this Chapter 16.09, this chapter shall prevail. The bylaws shall contain provisions relating to attendance of committee members.

(Ord. No. 2017-2432, § 2, 2-21-2017)

16.09.060 - Meetings—Functions and authority.

- A. The veterans and military families advisory committee shall hold at least one regular meeting each quarter, and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations, which record shall be a public record unless the city attorney determines otherwise. Any regular meeting may be dispensed with by a majority vote of the committee. Special meetings as are necessary may be called by the chair or a majority of the members of the committee after at least twenty-four hours' written notice has been posted and served upon the members of the committee. All meetings shall be conducted in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (the "Open Meeting Law", California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.).
- B. The committee shall investigate, consider, and act upon all matters referred to it by appropriate public officials or agencies or private citizens concerning members of the military, military veterans, and their families residing in the city; and conduct such investigations and prepare such reports as it is directed so to do by the city council; conduct investigations and prepare such reports as it deems appropriate upon request of responsible private citizens or organizations.
- C. A quorum to conduct business consists of a majority of the members of the committee.
- D. A majority of a quorum is necessary to act upon a matter.

(Ord. No. 2017-2432, § 2, 2-21-2017)

16.09.070 - Residency requirement—Compensation.

The members of the veterans and military families advisory committee may be residents or non-residents of the city and need not be electors of the city. Committee members shall serve without compensation, except that the city council may from time to time pay such expenses of committee members that are incurred during the conduct of committee business as the council deems appropriate.

(Ord. No. 2017-2432, § 2, 2-21-2017)