

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 7th day of September, 2021, the governing body of the City of Hobbs adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Hobbs Municipal Code related to establishing a Veterans Advisory Board. A summary of the ordinance is contained in its title as follows:

CITY OF HOBBS

ORDINANCE NO. 1132

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE HOBBS MUNICIPAL CODE AND ESTABLISHING A VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Hobbs desires to create a Veterans Advisory Board to render advice to the City Commission on matters pertaining to local veterans and the Hobbs Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hobbs recognizes and appreciates the service of the brave men and women in our community who have served our great Country; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Advisory Board shall advise the City Commission regarding events held at the Hobbs Veterans Memorial Park HAAF as well as any concerns regarding the care and maintenance of the Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hobbs' creation of a Veterans Affairs Board is not prohibited by 38 U.S.C.A., § 101, 8528 (West); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO, that Chapter 2, is hereby amended as more specifically described as follows:

TITLE 2

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Chapter 2.62 Veterans Advisory Board

2.62.010 – Purpose.

The Veterans Advisory Board shall advise the City Commission on matters affecting local veterans and propose solutions to alleviate or remedy the needs of local veterans. The Board shall also recognize the contributions local veterans have made and continue to make to the community of Hobbs, New Mexico.

2.62.020 - Board—Powers and duties.

The Veterans Advisory Board shall make recommendations to the City Commission on matters affecting veterans. This Board shall recognize and highlight contributions from local veterans in the community. The Board shall advise the City Commission regarding any events held in Hobbs, New Mexico involving veterans. The Board shall also advise the City Commission regarding events held at the Hobbs Veterans Memorial Park HAAF as well as any concerns regarding the care and maintenance of the Memorial. The Board shall recommend policies and procedures related to the preparation, care, and maintenance of Hobbs Veterans Memorial Park-HAAF for adoption by the City Commission. The Board shall be the sole authority to authorize placement of any names or inscriptions at the Hobbs Veterans Memorial Park HAAF.

2.62.030 Created—Composition—Appointment of members—Oath.

There is created a nonpolitical body known as the Veterans Advisory Board, to be constituted of five (5) members. The mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Commission, shall appoint five (5) members from names solicited from the local veterans' organizations who shall be residents of Hobbs, New Mexico, and responsible to the City Commission. All members of the Board shall qualify for office by taking an oath to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office.

2.62.40 - Terms—Organization.

Members of the Veterans Advisory Board shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. The terms of the members of the Board shall commence on April 1st of the year in which the appointment is made and shall expire on March 31st; provided, that every member of the existing Board shall be a member of the Board until the expiration of the term for which such member was appointed, or until their removal or resignation, whichever occurs first. The Board, when so appointed, shall meet and organize its body by electing one (1) of the members as Chairperson, one (1) of the members as Vice Chair and one (1) of the members as Secretary. Thereafter, annually and within forty-five (45) days after the appointment of the incoming members, the Board shall reelect its officers.

2.62.050 - Compensation—Removal of members—Vacancies.

The members of the Veterans Advisory Board shall serve without compensation during the term for which they are appointed. The Mayor may on their own accord, or upon the Board's recommendation, remove a member of the Board for cause via resolution and shall fill any vacancy on the Board that may occur.

2.62.060 - Meetings and quorum.

The Veterans Advisory Board shall meet every other month, on a regular date to be designated by the Board; provided, that a special meeting may be called at any time by the written request of the Chairperson and joined in writing by at least two (2) members. All meetings, whether regular or special, shall be open to the public as provided by the laws of the State. A majority of the whole membership shall constitute quorum, and no action can be had in the absence of quorum.

A copy of the ordinance is available to interested persons during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 East Broadway, Hobbs, New Mexico. The ordinance is also available for viewing online at www.hobbsnm.org.

/s/Jan Fletcher
Jan Fletcher, City Clerk