

**CITY OF TAMARAC
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
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**TO: Michael C. Cernech,
City Manager**

DATE: March 9, 2021

**THRU: Jennifer Johnson,
City Clerk**

**RE: TO2450 - Amending Article III,
Division 8, Section 2-223 entitled
"Creation; Composition" and
Section 2-225 entitled
"Chairman"**

**FROM: Kimberly Dillon
Assistant City Clerk**

RECOMMENDATION:

I am requesting TO2450 – Amending Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III, “Boards, Committees, Commissions”, Division 8 “Veterans Affairs Committee” by amending Section 2-223 “Creation; Composition” and Section 2-225 “Chairman” be placed on the March 24, 2021, Commission agenda for consideration.

ISSUE:

Finding members to serve on the Veterans Affairs Committee has been a challenge as a result of the stringent membership requirements and a short term of appointment. Staff is making these recommendations as it will help in maintaining a productive, and efficient board that is consistent with §2-31(a) of the city’s Code of Ordinances, that each board, commission or committee whose members are appointed by the City Commission shall annually meet to appoint a chair and a vice-chair unless otherwise provided in the city’s Code.

BACKGROUND:

The current city Code section reads:

Sec. 2-223. - Creation; composition.

(a) A veterans affairs committee is hereby created as a permanent agency of the city, and shall consist of eight (8) or more members appointed annually by the city commission to serve one-year terms at the pleasure of the city commission without compensation. The membership of the veterans' affairs committee shall contain at least (1) member from each of the following veterans' organizations:

(1) Disabled American Veterans (DAV);

(2) American legion;

(3) Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A.;

(4) Amvets;

(5) Military Order of the Purple Heart;

(6) American Ex-Prisoners of War;

(7) Marine Corps League.

(b) Members must have served in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and must have received an honorable discharge.

Sec. 2-225. - Chairman.

The chairman of the veterans affairs committee shall be nominated by the members of the veterans affairs committee but appointed by the city commission. The chairman shall serve as chairman for one (1) year.

Revisions will include removing the requirement for members to be part of the seven (7) veterans organizations listed. Also, the one (1) year appointment is being revised to a four (4) year appointment. The chair and vice chair will be selected by the members of the committee and will serve in that capacity for two (2) years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact from this item.

District: Citywide

ATTACHMENT(S): FS §185