

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
PUBLIC HEARING
DOC. 322/2014**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended further amended by the following new Chapter to the Municipal Code in proper numerical order:

Chapter 2.116 – VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

2.116.010 - Council established—Membership, term, officers, administration.

A. There is established a municipal board to be known as the Veterans Advisory Council of the City of Lawrence (hereinafter referred to as the council). The council shall consist of nine members nominated or selected by the Director of Veterans' Services, appointed by the mayor, and confirmed by the city council, for a term of two years. The members of the council shall live in Lawrence and shall be selected so as to provide representation reflective of Lawrence's racial, ethnic, and economic composition and its various neighborhoods. No fewer than five members must be veterans as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. One member must be a member of a local military organization.

B. For the initial appointments to the council, the mayor, with approval of the city council, shall appoint members as follows:

1. Three members for a term of three years;
2. Three members for a term of two years;
3. Three members for a term of one year;
4. Thereafter, the mayor, with approval of the city council, shall appoint each successor to a term of two years.

C. The members of the council shall serve without compensation.

D. The council shall meet at least 12 times a year at regular intervals. Five members of the council shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of those present shall be sufficient for any action taken by the council, except where this chapter provides otherwise.

2.116.020 - Functions, duties, and powers.

The Veterans Advisory Council of the City of Lawrence shall have the following functions:

To advise the mayor on issues related to Veterans' events and commemorations within the City of Lawrence;

To review evaluate and assess the city's veterans' event in collaboration with any and all agencies to increase information sharing, coordinate complementary programs and facilitate meaningful enhancements to the city's veteran related events.

To submit an annual report to the mayor

2.116.030 - Chairperson.

The chairperson of the council shall be Director of Veterans' Services. The chairperson or six members of the advisory council may call a special meeting when the need arises. The chairperson may direct the Council to form subcommittees to focus on particular challenges. The composition of each subcommittee shall be determined by the chairperson.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.

Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

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