



**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL
FOR THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGARDING NUMBER OF APPOINTED MEMBERS AND TERMS
TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §15.2-1411 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, a governing body of any locality may appoint such advisory boards and committees as it deems necessary to advise the governing body regarding any matter of concern to the locality; and

WHEREAS, an Ordinance enacting the Veterans Advisory Board was established to assist with the development of programs and events to honor and recognize the service of area Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Advisory Board was given the following powers and duties:

- A. Provide recommendations to the Town on issues of interest to Veterans, military service members, and their families;
- B. Encourage and promote awareness of Veterans and military service members in the community;
- C. Assist the Town with planning events and programs honoring Veterans and military service members; and
- D. Assist the Town with oversight of the Veterans Memorial Park.

WHEREAS, the Veterans Advisory Board shall consist of one *ex officio* Councilmember appointed by the Town Council to serve terms coincident with their terms as members of the Council. The Town Council will name a Town employee designee as an *ex officio* member to serve as staff support for the Board. Town Council will appoint eleven citizens to serve as set forth below. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Board shall be at least six voting members.

Four members will serve a term of two years from the appointment date; three will serve a term of three years from the appointment date; and four will serve a term of four years from the appointment date. The Town Council will give preference to residents of the Town, consider how the individual will contribute to the establishment of the Board, and consider any potential conflicts of interest to ensure objectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall conduct an annual organizational meeting to elect a chair and vice-chair at the first meeting in July annually. The Town Clerk, or designee, shall serve as secretary. The secretary shall cause a record of all proceedings, resolutions, findings, and actions taken by the committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall meet as often as necessary to accomplish its duties, with such meetings called by the chair, or the vice chair in the chair's absence; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that upon the recommendation of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, the number of appointed members and terms to the Veterans Advisory Board, be amended as presented.

CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Section 2-100 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, I hereby certify that I have reviewed the foregoing proposed Amended Ordinance of the Town of Abingdon to reflect the foregoing amendment and find it to be in correct form this 7th day of August 2023.

Cameron Bell
Town Attorney for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia

This Ordinance was adopted on 8/7/2023 *to take effect on* 8/7/2023.


Amanda Pillion, Mayor

The undersigned clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the "Town"), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Amended Ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on August 7, 2023. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing Amended Ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing Amended Ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATENDANCE	VOTE
Amanda Pillion, Mayor	Yes	Aye
Dwyane Anderson, Vice Mayor	Yes	Aye
Derek Webb	Yes	Aye
Donna Quetsch	NO	
Wayne Austin	Yes	Aye

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of August 7, 2023.

(SEAL) 
Town Clerk