

Ordinance Number 570

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING A VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, RESIDENCY AND COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS; AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Northampton Township desires to create a permanent Veterans Advisory Commission to advise and assist the Board in those areas that affect the veterans and active-duty military communities of Northampton Township; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Advisory Commission will work to create awareness of the issues faced by veterans, active-duty members of the military and their families; provide support to veterans and military families in the community; develop methods to recognize the service of veterans and resident military; and provide a forum for veterans and their families to provide feedback on issues that affect their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Northampton Township now desires to formally establish a Veterans Advisory Commission and specifically set forth its duties and responsibilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

- I. The Code of Ordinances of Northampton Township at Part 1, Administration and Government is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 7 entitled "Veterans Advisory Commission," which reads as follows:

Chapter 7 - Veterans Advisory Commission

§7-1 Establishment of Commission. There is hereby created the Veterans Advisory Commission of Northampton Township which shall be an advisory Commission to the Board of Supervisors.

§7-2 Membership. The Veterans Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by a voting majority of the Board of Supervisors for staggered terms of three (3) years. Initial terms of appointment will have three members (3) serving three-year terms, two (2) members serving two-year terms, and two (2) members serving one-year terms.

§7-3 Residency and Compensation. All members of the Veterans Advisory Commission shall be residents of Northampton Township and serve without compensation other than for such expenses in connection with their duties on said Commission, as the Board of Supervisors shall approve in advance.

§7-4 Quorum; Taking Action. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members. Actions may only be taken by affirmative vote of a quorum of the Commission.

§7-5 Election of Officers. The Veterans Advisory Commission shall elect from its members, at the first meeting thereof, and at the annual meeting in January of each and every year thereafter,

a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and such other officers as the said Commission may deem necessary, by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting constituting a quorum. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to each member by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to said meeting. Regular or special meetings shall convene at the call of the Chairman, or in such other manner as the members may, by a majority vote, designate, or at the request of the Board of Supervisors.

§7-6 Duties and Responsibilities. The Veterans Advisory Commission shall undertake the following duties and responsibilities in connection with advising the Board of Supervisors on issues faced by resident veterans and active-duty personnel; and provide support to veterans and military families in the community:

- (A) Manage the Township Patriots Flag Program, Memorial Day ceremony, Flag Day ceremony, Veterans Day ceremony, and other patriotic programs
- (B) Recommend plans and programs for the support of Township veterans and their families whenever feasible.
- (C) Implement veteran-related tasks as requested by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the purposes of the Commission.

§7-7 Meetings. The Veterans Advisory Commission shall meet at least quarterly throughout the calendar year. The Secretary shall prepare minutes of each meeting and, upon approval, forward a copy to the Board of Supervisors.

§7-8 Reports. The Veterans Advisory Commission shall make such reports from time to time as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

- II. All Ordinances unaffected by this Ordinance are declared to be in full force and effect. Any provisions of other Ordinances and Resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.
- III. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or on the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Northampton Township.

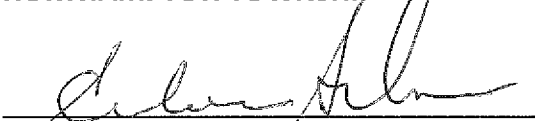
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 23rd day of January 2014.

ATTEST:



Larry Weinstein, Secretary

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP



Eileen Silver, Chairman