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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORLAND PARK VILLAGE CODE (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) TITLE 2, CHAPTER 10

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WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village of Orland Park deem it in the best interests of the Village and its residents to amend the Orland Park Village Code with regard to Advisory Boards and Commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1

Title 2, Chapter 10, of the Village Code shall be and hereby is amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

2-10-1: ESTABLISHMENT:

There is hereby created a Commission known as the Veterans Commission, hereinafter referred to as Commission.

2-10-2: MEMBERSHIP; TERM; COMPENSATION:

The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Village President and with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, and one (1) non-voting Village staff member (the "Veterans Program Assistant") appointed by the Village Manager to act as staff liaison and recording secretary.

1. Members shall serve for one-year terms, which shall begin on the first Monday in June and expire on the first Monday in June of the following year. Members shall be selected on the basis of experience and/or knowledge of veteran affairs and concerns, and the members shall have served in one of the American military branches and have been honorably discharged. Members shall serve without compensation.

2. If any member shall fail to attend four (4) regular meetings within any one-year period, without reasonable excuse, such failure shall constitute sufficient grounds for termination of the member's appointment. The chairman shall immediately file notification of nonattendance with the Village Clerk for placement on the agenda of the Board of Trustees, and the Board shall, after notice to the member, by appropriate action, consider whether to terminate the member's appointment. If the decision of the Board is to terminate the appointment, the vacancy thereby created shall be filled as soon as reasonably practical.

3. A special meeting may be called by the Village President or by request of three (3) Commission members.

4. A quorum may be the majority of the actually appointed members.
5. The chairman shall be a member designated, at the time of appointment, by the Village President.
6. Any expenditures shall only be those sums as may be approved by the President and Board of Trustees.

2-10-3: GOALS:

The goals of the Commission shall be as follows:

1. Promote veterans' awareness and welfare within the Village.
2. Maintain a suitable memorial within the Village for Orland Park veterans.
3. Represent the Village at veterans' functions.
4. Promote the basic American values within the Village.
5. Raise funds to be used for Village veteran activities and/or donated to groups providing veteran assistance.

2-10-4: DUTIES:

The Commission functions hereunder shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Study and consider possible activities, informational, educational and recreational, which may be planned by the Village relating to veterans' affairs.
2. Recommend to the President and Board of Trustees activities relating to veteran affairs.
3. Provide joint sponsorship of programs with Village veterans' groups such as Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.
4. Plan and give programs relating to veterans' affairs in the school districts.
5. Provide a program for special recognition of veterans and their families.
6. Provide plaques of recognition for Village residents who become candidates in the armed forces academies.
7. Assist in fund raising activities to fund Commission activities as described in this Chapter and to fund groups providing veteran assistance.

8. Recommend to the Village President and Board of Trustees the veterans groups deserving of financial assistance.

9. Represent the Village at veterans' functions, including the planning, preparation, organization and conducting of such functions.

2-10-5: MEETINGS:

The Commission shall meet at least monthly, except there will be no regularly scheduled meetings during July and August, and the Commission shall file a report of recommendations with the President and Board of Trustees on or before December 31 of each year.

SECTION 2

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.