

**CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE O-29-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE FLORENCE VETERANS COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City deems it appropriate and in the public’s best interest to create a Florence Veterans Commission (“Commission”) to provide a support system, community recognition, resources, and comprehensive community relations for veterans and those who have served this nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I**

The Florence Veterans Commission (“Commission”) be and the same is hereby established to serve as follows:

- a. The primary purpose and vision of the Commission is to provide a support system, community recognition, resources, and comprehensive community relations to veterans and those who have served this nation. The Commission shall act as an advisory body to the Mayor regarding military veteran programs, veteran organizations, and veteran related activities.
- b. To communicate with and assist the Mayor and the City in the conduct of veteran related matters and affairs.
- c. To provide veteran related services and/or activities as the Mayor may from time-to-time direct.

**SECTION II**

The Commission shall consist of five (5) Commissioners. All Commissioners shall be citizens and residents of the City of Florence and a qualified veteran as defined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. All Commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor.

**SECTION III**

The Commission shall be funded by the City of Florence through its annual budget process. The Commission shall comply with all City rules and regulations regarding its conduct of financial affairs. The Commission shall not have authority to incur any debt or other financial obligation, nor bind the City of Florence in the Commission’s name, or in the name of the City, without the written consent and authorization of the Mayor.

**SECTION IV**

The Commission shall create an Office of Commission Liaison (“Commission Liaison”) who shall be responsible for communicating with the Mayor’s office in respect to all activities and actions proposed by the Commission. The Commission Liaison shall also act as an adviser to the Commission and Mayor on matters relating to veterans affairs.

**SECTION V**

Immediately upon the Mayor’s appointment of five (5) Commissioners, the Commission shall adopt By-Laws which shall govern the Commission. Commission By-Laws shall be submitted to the Mayor for review and approval.

**SECTION VI**

If any section, paragraph, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, paragraphs, or clauses herein, it being hereby expressly declared that the remainder of this Ordinance would have been upheld despite such partial invalidity.

**SECTION VII**

The passage of this Ordinance O-29-2023 shall become effective upon second reading as required by law.

**SECTION VIII**

This Ordinance shall be published by posting on the City’s internet website and all other publication requirements as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING AND PUBLICATION ORDERED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Julie M. Aubuchon  
Julie M. Aubuchon, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melissa Kramer  
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk