

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3407

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING § 12-15 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN CREATING TWO
ADDITIONAL SEATS ON THE VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Township of Middletown (the “**Township**”) adopted Ordinance No. 2010-3018 creating the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, it was established that ranks of Middletown residents serving in the armed forces, particularly those having served on active duty, have grown over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous programs, services and benefits that Middletown’s veterans may be eligible for and entitled to, but may not have availed themselves of for lack of knowledge of their existence; and

WHEREAS, the Township believes that the establishment of a Veterans Affairs Committee has benefitted the public health, safety and welfare of all veterans residing in the Township and the would like to expand the Veterans Affairs Committee with two additional seats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that § 12-15 of the Code of the Township of Middletown be and is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Amending § 12-15 of the Code.

§ 12-15. Membership; terms; vacancies

A. The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee shall consist of **five** ~~seven (7)~~ members appointed by the Township Committee. At least ~~three~~ **four (4)** members shall always be veterans of the armed forces. ~~Two of the five founding members shall serve for terms of three years, two of the five founding members shall serve for a term of two years, and one of the five founding members shall serve for a term of one year, after which all shall serve for staggered terms of three years.~~

B. Commencing with appointments made in 2022, the terms for each seat shall be staggered, as follows:

Seat I 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025

Seat II 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025

Seat III 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024

Seat IV 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024

Seat V 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026

Seat VI 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026

Seat VII 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026

C. Any vacancies shall only be filled by appointment of the Township Committee for the remainder of the term of the individual having left the seat vacant.

SECTION 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection or paragraph of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative, in whole or in part, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such chapter, section subchapter or paragraph shall to the extent that is not held unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative remain in full force and effect and shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Repealer.

All ordinances and resolutions, and parts of ordinances and resolutions which are inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance shall be, and are hereby, repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and approval pursuant to law.