AN ORDINANCE ADDING §2-55 TO THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CREATE A VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Township of Deptford (the "Township") values the service of the Township's veterans and desires to meet the needs and concerns of veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to facilitate communication between the Township's veterans and the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township strives to meet the needs of its veterans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-55 shall be added to the Township Code and shall read as follows:

§2-55 VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

§2-55.1 Committee established; members

There shall be a Veterans' Affairs Committee that is comprised of 14 members appointed by Township Council, all of whom shall be residents of the Township. In addition, Township Council shall designate a member of Council to serve as liaison to the Township Council along with 2 other Council members and act as an ex officio nonvoting member of the Committee.

§2-55.2 Term of office

All members shall be appointed for a term of one year provided all terms expire December 31st of the year of appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. The Council liaison member shall be appointed in the same manner.

§2-55.3 Powers and duties

The Veterans' Affairs Committee shall have the following duties:

- a. Appoint a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.
- b. Schedule monthly meetings with additional meetings to be called by the Chairman who shall be elected by the members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.
 - c. Advise the Township Council regarding ordinances which may affect veterans' affairs.

- d. Advise the Township Council as to various federal, state, and local programs for which the Township's veterans may be eligible and entitled to participate in.
- e. To research and analyze the needs of the Township's veterans and make recommendations to Township Council regarding how those needs may be best served.
- f. Sponsor and administer veterans related programs and activities in cooperation with other public and private agencies and organizations, and provide specialized programs for the aged, the handicapped and other special purpose veterans.
 - g. To relay the questions or concerns of the Township's veterans to the Township Council.
 - h. Undertake any other duties that may be assigned by the Township Council.

§2-55.4 Approval required to expend funds

The Veterans' Affairs Committee shall not expend funds for any purpose unless the approval of the Township Manager has been secured and the amount is within the budgetary constraints set by the Township Council.

- Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.
- Section 3. Severability. If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Township of Deptford declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. Effective Date. The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD

PAUL MEDANY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DINA L. ZAWADSKI, TOWNSHIP CLERK

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of Township Council of the Township of Deptford held on the 4th day of February, 2013 and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a Work Session Meeting at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard. Said meeting to be held on the 25th day of February, 2013 at the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, New Jersey.

DINA L. ZAWADSKI, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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