



Report to City Council

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brian Mohan, City Manager

AGENDA DATE: March 3, 2026

TITLE: ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) OF THE MORENO VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 2.20.080 ESTABLISHING A VETERANS COMMISSION (REPORT OF: CITY MANAGER) (DISTRICT: NOT APPLICABLE)

TITLE SUMMARY: Ordinance Amending Title 2 – Establishment of a Veterans Commission

DISTRICT: Not Applicable

Recommendation(s)

That the City Council:

1. Introduce and conduct first reading of an ordinance amending Title 2 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code to add Chapter 2.20.080 establishing a Veterans Commission; and
2. Waive further reading and set the ordinance for adoption at a subsequent meeting.

SUMMARY

At its February 3, 2026, meeting, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the establishment of a Veterans Commission and designated Mayor Pro Tem Erlan Gonzalez and Councilmember Ed Delgado to serve as the City Council Ad Hoc Committee for this item.

This ordinance formally amends Title 2, Chapter 2.20 (City Council Advisory Boards and Commissions) to add Section 2.20.080, establishing a Veterans Commission and defining

its composition, terms, powers, and duties in a manner consistent with other existing advisory commissions.

DISCUSSION

On February 3, 2026, following prior discussion at the January 20, 2026 City Council meeting, the City Council provided direction to staff to establish a Veterans Commission modeled after existing advisory bodies such as the Public Arts Commission, Senior Citizens Commission, and Parks, Community Services and Trails Commission. As part of that action, the City Council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Erlan Gonzalez and Councilmember Ed Delgado to serve as an Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff on the development of the commission structure and scope.

Based on this direction, staff prepared the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 2.20 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code by adding Section 2.20.080, Veterans Commission. The proposed structure mirrors existing advisory commissions to ensure consistency, clarity of purpose, and compliance with City policy governing advisory bodies.

Key provisions of the proposed ordinance include:

Composition:

The Veterans Commission shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternates.

Terms of Office:

Commission members shall serve three-year terms, expiring June 30.

Powers and Duties:

The Veterans Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Its powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

- Providing advice and recommendations regarding grant applications related to veteran-focused projects, programs, and services;
- Advising on acceptance of real or personal property or other items offered by public or private entities;
- Advising on policies, programs, services, and community engagement activities related to veteran services;
- Identifying funding opportunities and partnerships with nonprofit organizations, community service organizations, private entities, and other public agencies;
- Providing input on budgets and financial statements related to veteran-related services when requested by the City Manager;
- Advising on the acquisition, operation, and use of property for veteran-related purposes;

- Serving as a forum for public input on veteran-related matters;
- Acting as a liaison between the City Council and relevant community organizations; and
- Submitting an annual report to the City Council summarizing commission activities over the preceding 12 months.

The proposed ordinance ensures the Veterans Commission functions strictly in an advisory role and does not assume operational or fiscal authority.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the ordinance as presented.
Staff recommend this alternative.
2. Do not approve the ordinance.
Staff does not recommend this alternative.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with adoption of this ordinance. Any future costs related to commission activities would be subject to City Council approval through the annual budget process.

NOTIFICATION

Publication of the agenda and posting in accordance with the Brown Act.

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Advocacy: Develop cooperative intergovernmental relationships and be a forceful advocate of City policies, objectives, and goals to appropriate external governments, agencies and corporations.

Community Image, Neighborhood Pride and Cleanliness: Promote a sense of community pride and foster an excellent image about our City by developing and executing programs which will result in quality development, enhanced neighborhood preservation efforts, including home rehabilitation and neighborhood restoration.

Positive Environment: Create a positive environment for the development of Moreno Valley's future.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Library**
- 4. Infrastructure**
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life**
- 6. Youth Programs**

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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