

**ORDINANCE NO.:122021**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON  
COUNTY, INDIANA ADDING CHAPTER §32.61 TO THE CITY OF  
FISHERS CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE CREATION  
OF THE CITY OF FISHERS ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, as the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (“City”) continues to develop into a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city, honoring and recognizing military service plays an important role in developing our community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code §36-1-3 *et. seq.*, the Common Council for the City of Fishers (“Council”) now desires to create the Fishers Armed Services Commission to assist the City in becoming a community where military service is honored and recognized as a key component to our vibrancy; where military service is incorporated and promoted in programming, policy decisions, and protocols; and to ensure that recognition and appreciation towards military service is woven throughout our community and understood as a critical component to our community’s sense of place.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 32.61 is hereby added to the City of Fishers Code of Ordinances as follows:

**§32.61 CITY OF FISHERS ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION**

(a) Establishment. There is hereby created the City of Fishers Armed Services Commission. The Commission’s budget will be considered within the City’s Administration Department, which shall be approved as part of the budgeting process by the City Council.

(b) Purpose. The Commission shall further assist the City’s efforts of becoming a community where military service is honored and recognized as a key component to our vibrancy; where military service is incorporated and promoted in programming, policy decisions, and protocols; and to ensure that recognition and appreciation towards military service is woven throughout the community and understood as a critical component to the community’s sense of place. Those serving, those who have served, those desiring to serve, and our entire community that enjoys our daily freedom, will be positively impacted by the Commission.

(c) Composition and Term. The Commission shall be comprised of eleven (11) members to be appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor shall appoint seven

(7) service-connected residents of Fishers, five (5) of which shall be veterans or individuals currently serving in our Armed Forces. The remaining four members shall be; one (1) nomination filled by the American Legion Post 470, one (1) nomination by the OneZone Chamber of Commerce, and two (2) nominations from the Superintendent of HSE Schools, one faculty member and one student. Terms of every member shall be for two (2) years.

(d) Duties, Powers, and Procedures. The Commission may perform the following:

(i) Provide strategic direction/guidance of:

1. Hometown Help for Heroes program;
2. Gold Star Memorial;
3. Veteran light pole banner program;
4. Honor a hero brick paver program;
5. Special Events (Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, etc.); and
6. Any similar programing created by the City.

(ii) Develop events or programs that:

1. Provide meaningful interactions related to honoring, recognizing, and celebrating military service and the community; and
2. Expand the vibrancy that accompanies armed forces recognition to individuals not currently participating in this aspect of the community.

(iii) Develop outreach initiatives to:

1. Establish a listing of veteran's and family currently serving, in the community; and
2. Connect with other organizations or groups to build alliances and collaborate on opportunities to further promote the Commission's goals.

(iv) Develop procedures and protocols for the City, which may include:

1. Actions related to recognizing resident's entering military service, achievements during, or leaving military service;
2. Actions related to recognizing organizations or companies supporting military service; and
3. Actions related to recognizing significant military events.

(v) Adopt rules for affiliate memberships to encourage inclusivity and greater participation.

(vi) Accept gifts, contributions and bequests of funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, limited liability companies, and other organizations or institutions.

(vii) Enter into contracts within the limitation of funds available with individuals, organizations and institutions for services furthering the objectives of the Commission.

(viii) Develop and manage a strategic plan, including setting annual goals and updating progress.

(e) Any City board or commission may refer projects which contemplate armed services to the Commission for its review and consideration.

**Section 2.** All other provisions of the City's ordinances not in conflict with or specifically changed by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and upon its adoption and in accordance with Indiana law.

ALL OF WHICH IS SO ORDAINED by the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FISHERS,  
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA**

**YAY**

**NAY**

**ABSTAIN**

	Selina Stoller President		
	John Weingardt, Vice President		
	C. Pete Peterson, Member		
	David Giffel, Member		
	Cecilia C. Coble, Member		
	Brad DeReamer, Member		
	Todd Zimmerman, Member		
	Crystal Neumann, Member		
	Jocelyn Vare, Member		

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance/ Resolution was delivered to City of Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer L. Kehl, City Clerk

**MAYOR'S APPROVAL**

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**Scott A. Fadness, Mayor**

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**DATE**

**MAYOR'S VETO**

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**Scott A. Fadness, Mayor**

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**DATE**

This instrument prepared by: Christopher P. Greisl, City Attorney, City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana, 46038

"I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law." Christopher P. Greisl

