

City of Revere
City Council

City Council Order No. 24-221

Date: October 28, 2024

Offered by Revere City Council

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL POLES

Be it ordained by the City of Revere as follows:

Section 1. Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new Chapter 12.22 Veterans Memorial Poles

12.22 - VETERANS MEMORIAL POLES.

Section 12.22.100 Purpose.

The City of Revere proudly honors deceased residents who served with distinction in the United States military by erecting Memorial Poles along public ways. It is the purpose of this policy to articulate regulations pertaining to the circumstances, character, location, and other standards under which the City of Revere will permit the dedication of memorial poles.

Section 12.22.200 Definitions.

- A. "Memorial Pole" shall mean City of Revere-owned poles in the public way which have been designated in honor of a deceased Service Member.
- B. "Service Member" shall mean a person who has served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard, in accordance with section 101(a)(5) of title 10, United States Code.
- C. "Veterans Service Officer" or "VSO" shall be the Director of Veterans Service for the City of Revere, either in a permanent or acting capacity.
- D. "Gold Star family" shall mean spouses, parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren of service members who died while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Section 12.22.300 Eligibility.

Recognition through a Memorial Pole in the City of Revere may be granted to individuals who fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- A. Service Members who died while on active duty (KIA);
- B. Deceased Service Members who had served in a hostile environment; deceased Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA) Service Members, as classified by the Geneva Convention, United States Code, or other applicable regulation; or
- C. Deceased Service Members who were awarded decorations for combat, including the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star with Valor, or Purple Heart.
- D. Deceased Service Members who have at least twenty-years of active duty military service.
- E. Eligible individuals must have resided in the City of Revere upon entering their military service or lived a substantial portion of their lives in the City of Revere. Any individual to be considered must have been discharged honorably.

Section 12.22.400 Types of Recognition.

Deceased Service Members meeting the criteria of section 12.22.30 may be commemorated through erection of a Memorial Pole at a public location, subject to approval by the relevant municipal department responsible for the safety and access of said location.

Section 12.22.500 Procedure.

Applications for Memorial Poles honoring a deceased service member can be requested at the Veterans Service Office in-person or on the City of Revere website (www.revere.org/departments/veterans-office <<http://www.revere.org/departments/veterans-office>>).

- A. To be considered, applications shall include the Service Member's Death Certificate and Discharge Certificate (DD Form 214). The Veterans Service Office reserves the right to request additional documentation in order to verify service records or military achievements including but not limited to medals and awards.
- B. The Veterans Service Officer reviews the application and if approved, prepares a Notification of Approval and Memorandum of Recommendation for the City Council and the Mayor's consideration.
- C. Upon an affirmative vote by the City Council and subsequent signature by the Mayor, the Veterans Service Office shall consult with relevant City staff to determine the Memorial Pole location and the date of the ceremony.

Section 12.22.600 Memorial Poles.

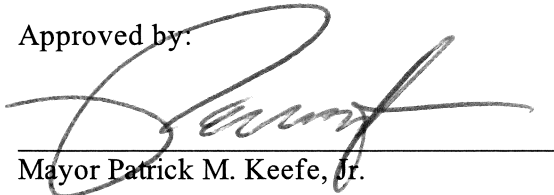
- A. The City of Revere Department of Public Works is responsible for erecting approved Memorial Pole materials.
- B. Memorial Pole design shall align with existing standards, with the option for additional

- elements based on the circumstances of the deceased service member.
- C. The insignia of a gold star shall be reserved for Memorial Poles which honor service members of Gold Star families, as defined herein.
 - D. The Veterans Service Officer shall maintain records of all Memorial Poles, including the service member's name, location of the pole, and installation logistics.
 - E. All Memorial Poles located in the City of Revere shall be decorated annually on Memorial Day with a wreath and two flags of the United States of America.

September 23, 2024 Ordered to a first reading.
 October 28, 2024 Ordered on a second reading, as amended.
 October 28, 2024 Ordered on a third and final reading, as amended.
 October 28, 2024 Ordered Engrossed and Ordained on a Roll Call, as amended.

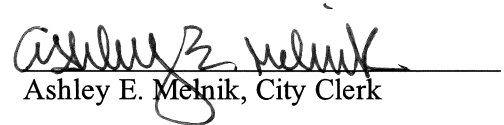
In City Council October 28, 2024. ORDERED ENGROSSED AND ORDAINED on a Roll Call: Councillors Argenzio, Giannino, Guarino-Sawaya, Haas, Kelley, McKenna, Novoselsky, Silvestri, Zambuto, and Council President Cogliandro voting "YES". Councillor Jaramillo was absent.
 Attest: Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk

Approved by:



 Mayor Patrick M. Keefe, Jr.

Attest:



 Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk

11-9-2024

 Date