

Chapter 28

VETERANS' SERVICES*

Sec. 28-1. Control of department.

There is hereby established a department of veterans' services which shall be under the charge of the veterans' agent. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 22-1)

Sec. 28-2. Veterans' agent—Powers and duties generally.

The veterans' agent shall have charge under the statutes of the commonwealth and under the board of aldermen of the disbursement of military aid, state aid, soldiers' relief and war allowances under any general or special law. He shall cause all applications for aid to be carefully investigated. He shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended on account of such aid. He shall record and file all information with respect to individual cases of aid requested, granted and denied, and the reason for granting or refusal thereof. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 22-2)

State law reference—Appointment, powers, duties of veterans' agents, G.L. c. 115, § 3

Sec. 28-3. Same—Duty to furnish information, advice and assistance to veterans.

The veterans' agent shall furnish such information, advice and assistance to veterans as may be necessary to enable them to procure the benefits to which they are or may be entitled relative to employment, vocational or other educational opportunities, hospitalization, medical care, pensions and other veterans' benefits. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 22-3)

Sec. 28-4. Same—Burial agent.

The veterans' agent shall also be the burial agent as defined in chapter 115, section 7 of the General Laws. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 22-4)

Sec. 28-5. Burial permits.

(a) The burial agent shall issue permits for burial in the so-called Veterans' Lot at the Newton Cemetery under the following conditions: Any person who has served or shall hereafter serve in the Armed Forces of the United States in time of war, the dates of beginning and ending of such war to be as determined by the commonwealth for purposes of settlement and veterans' benefits, and shall die in service or be released therefrom under honorable conditions, and at the time of his decease shall have domiciled for three (3) consecutive years preceding death or shall have a settlement in the city or shall have entered such service to the credit of the city as determined by the adjutant general's office of the commonwealth, shall be entitled to burial in the lot in the Newton Cemetery owned by the city, known as the Veterans' Lot.

***Cross references**—Health and human services, Ch. 12; exemption from parking meter regulations for disabled veterans, § 19-197; planning and development, Ch. 22

State law references—Veterans' benefits generally, G.L. c. 115; local departments of veterans' services, G.L. c. 115, § 10 et seq.

(b) The burial agent shall make and keep a record of all interments in such lot and shall issue the permits as required for opening graves.

(c) Any question of right of burial arising under this section shall be determined by the mayor. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 22-5)

Sec. 28-6. Payment of money by warrant of comptroller of accounts.

The comptroller of accounts, upon request of the veterans' agent, may issue his warrant for the payment by the city collector-treasurer to the veterans' agent of such sums as may be required for purposes of emergency relief of veterans and allowances under any general or special law. The veterans' agent shall keep accurate accounts of all payments made by him from money so received, and upon the first day of each month or upon request shall render to the comptroller of accounts a transcript thereof with proper vouchers attached. Not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) shall be advanced at any time to the veterans' agent, and no additional advance shall be made unless all money previously advanced shall have been properly accounted for. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 22-6; Ord. No. 1, 6-3-74)

Cross reference—Comptroller of accounts generally, Ch. 2, Art. III, Div. 3

Sec. 28-7. Establishment of information center; purpose.

The veterans' agent shall establish an information center in which the dwelling units in the city available for veterans will be listed and veterans will be advised and assisted in establishing contact with the persons in charge of the selling or rental of such dwelling units and in determining whether a dwelling unit offered to a veteran is suitable for him at the price or rental charged. (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 22-7)

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