53-R-19

A RESOLUTION

Designating Eligibility for Memorialization of Service Members on the Fountain Square Memorial Wall

WHEREAS, Fountain Square has historically been a place in the City of Evanston (the “City”) to honor service members who lost their lives in combat;

WHEREAS, Resolution 43-R-03 officially designated the name “Fountain Square Veterans Memorial Plaza” to those portions of Davis Street, Sherman Avenue, and Orrington Avenue abutting Fountain Square;

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City installed the Fountain Square Memorial Wall in Fountain Square Veterans Memorial Plaza to honor fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen from Evanston;

WHEREAS, eligibility for memorialization on the Fountain Square Memorial Wall was previously based on the service members’ home of record; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to formalize eligibility for memorialization of service members on the Fountain Square Memorial Wall.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: Any service members who dies in a war, a conflict, any hostilities, or on a humanitarian mission prior to January 1, 2003, is eligible to be memorialized on the Fountain Square Memorial Wall if the service member listed the City
of Evanston as his/her home of record on his/her commissioning or enlistment documents.

SECTION 2: Any service members who dies in a war, a conflict, any hostilities, or on a humanitarian mission after January 1, 2003, and meets any one (1) of the following three (3) criteria is eligible to be memorialized on the Fountain Square Memorial Wall:

(A) The service member lived in the City of Evanston for at least five (5) years; or

(B) The service member listed the City of Evanston as his/her home of record on his/her commissioning or enlistment documents; or

(C) The service member's parent or guardian has lived in the City of Evanston for at least ten (10) years, and the service member lived in Evanston during some part of their life before making the ultimate sacrifice for his or her country.

SECTION 3: Eligible service members will be added to the Fountain Square Memorial Wall after request from a parent or guardian and upon funds becoming available to add the name to the respective panel. Requests must be submitted by December 31st of each year and will be reviewed annually no later than April 1st of the following year.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, in the manner provided by law.
Attest:  
Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted: June 10, 2019

Approved as to form:

Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor