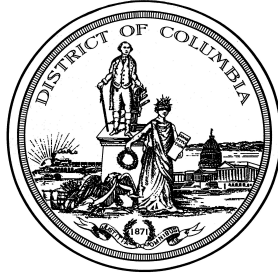


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

City Council



Ordinance No. 04

Introduced by: Deputy Mayor Koalastyll

For Mayor TheySinned

An ordinance for an Act entitled: "The District Honors Act 2024"

AN ACT to codify the awards of the District and organize the honors system.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This act may be cited as the,

The District Honors Act of 2024

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CODIFIED REFERENCE.

- (a) This bill is severable, meaning if one part does not abide by the City Charter or Federal Law, the other parts will remain in action unless also found to also violate set laws.
- (b) All municipal legislation contradicting this bill and its contents is hereby null in void collectively.
- (c) This bill's codified reference shall be referred to as "D.C. Ordinance 24-04"
- (d) This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage following a majority of approval from the District of Columbia City Council.

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SECTION 3. AWARDS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT.

- a) The District of Columbia Awards Committee will be established under the Office of the Mayor.
- b) Membership of the DCAC will be composed of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Council President.
 - i. Municipal leaders have the authority to propose respective departmental awards, after consulting with DCAC, without delay unless the City Council's consent is mandated.
- c) The duties of the awards committee will include the ability to establish further awards, abolish existing awards, and the ability to revoke awards. They additionally will be tasked with the design of all awards.
 - i. The National Archives and Records Administration will be responsible with the upkeep and storage of all public records related to district awards.
 - ii. A representative from NARA shall be permitted access to relevant records and may be changed or removed at any point in time from a NARA chain-of-command directive.
 - iii. The committee shall not infringe or obstruct any representative from this obligation.

SECTION 4. AWARD CODIFICATION.

- a) The following awards will be established under the Office of the Mayor:
 - 1. *Key to the City Award*: The Key to the City Award will be considered the highest civilian honor within the District, awarded at the discretion of the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council.
 - i. Recipients will be eligible receive general protection from the Metropolitan Police Department
 - ii. Recipients will receive unrestricted access to all municipal facilities.

2. *District of Columbia Medal of Honor*: The Medal of Honor will be considered the highest official honor within the District, awarded to police, fire and medical personnel for actions of heroic distinction with the advice of their respective Chief.
 - i. Recipients will be eligible to bypass tryouts for all municipal departments.
3. *District of Columbia Distinguished Service Medal*: The District Distinguished Service Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Mayor to recognize distinguished service to the District which has impacted it in one way or another.
4. *District of Columbia Gold Medal*: The District Gold Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the City Council to recognize achievements which have greatly impacted the District.
5. *District of Columbia Golden Gavel Award*: The Golden Gavel Award will be awarded at the discretion of the Mayor to any current or former councilor to recognize significant contributions to the council.
6. *District of Columbia Citizen's Medal*: The Citizen's Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Mayor to any individual not employed by the district in recognition of significant contributions to the District as a whole.
7. *District of Columbia Unit Commendation*: The Unit Commendation will be awarded at the discretion of the Mayor to recognize the accomplishments of individual departments or subdivisions.

b) The following awards will be established under the Office of the District Attorney General.

1. *Cabot Medal*: The Cabot Medal will be the highest honor of the Office of the District Attorney General, awarded at the discretion of the District Attorney General to recognize significant contributions to the field of district justice.
2. *Justice Distinguished Service Medal*: The Justice Distinguished Service Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the District Attorney General to recognize distinguished service to the District

which has impacted it in one way or another.

3. *Justice Commendation Award*: The Justice Commendation Award will be awarded at the discretion of the District Attorney General to recognize accomplishments in the field of justice.

c) The following awards will be established under the Metropolitan Police Department:

1. *Policeman's Cross*: The Policeman's Cross will be the highest honor of the Metropolitan Police Department, awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to officers who went above and beyond the call of duty which warrants more than the Medal of Valor however less than the Medal of Honor.
2. *Metropolitan Police Medal of Valor*: The Medal of Valor will be awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to officers in recognition of distinct bravery or valor.
3. *Metropolitan Police Distinguished Service Medal*: The Metropolitan Distinguished Service Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to recognize distinguished service to the District which has impacted it in one way or another.
4. *Policeman's Commendation Award*: The Policeman's Commendation Award will be awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to recognize accomplishments in the field of community policing.
5. *Metropolitan Police Gold Medal*: The Metropolitan Police Gold Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to recognize significant accomplishments.
6. *Metropolitan Police Silver Medal*: The Metropolitan Police Silver Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to recognize significant accomplishments.

7. *Metropolitan Police Bronze Medal*: The Metropolitan Police Bronze Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to recognize significant accomplishments.
8. *Metropolitan Police Chief's Award*: The Chief's Award will be awarded at the discretion of the Chief of the Metropolitan Police to recognize significant accomplishments.

d) The following awards will be established under the District of Columbia Fire Department:

1. *Firefighter's Cross*: The Trooper's Cross will be the highest honor of the District Fire Department, awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to firefighters who went above and beyond the call of duty which warrants more than the Medal of Valor however less than the Medal of Honor.
2. *Fire Medal of Valor*: The Medal of Valor will be awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to firefighters in recognition of distinct bravery or valor.
3. *District Fire Distinguished Service Medal*: The District Fire Distinguished Service Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to recognize distinguished service to the District which has impacted it in one way or another.
4. *Firefighter's Commendation Award*: The Firefighter's Commendation Award will be awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to recognize accomplishments in the field of firefighting.
5. *District Fire Gold Medal*: The District Fire Gold Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to recognize significant accomplishments.
6. *District Fire Silver Medal*: The District Fire Silver Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to recognize significant accomplishments.

7. *District Fire Medal*: The District Fire Bronze Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to recognize significant accomplishments.
8. *Fire Chief's Award*: The Chief's Award will be awarded at the discretion of the Fire Chief to recognize significant accomplishments.
9. *Exceptional Duty Award*: The Exceptional Duty Award will be awarded at the Discretion of the Fire Chief to recognize performance which outdoes expectations in a non-valorous fashion.

e) The following awards will be established under the District of Columbia Emergency Medical Service:

1. *Paramedic's Cross*: The Paramedic's Cross will be the highest honor of the District EMS, awarded at the discretion of the EMS Chief to paramedics who went above and beyond the call of duty which warrants more than the Medal of Valor however less than the Medal of Honor.
2. *Medical Medal of Valor*: The Medal of Valor will be awarded at the discretion of the EMS Chief to paramedics in recognition of distinct bravery or valor.
3. *EMS Distinguished Service Medal*: The EMS Distinguished Service Medal will be awarded at the discretion of the EMS Chief to recognize distinguished service to the District which has impacted it in one way or another.
4. *Paramedic's Commendation Award*: The Paramedic's Commendation Award will be awarded at the discretion of the EMS Chief to recognize accomplishments in the field of firefighting.
5. *Chief's Award*: The Chief's Award will be awarded at the discretion of the EMS Chief to recognize significant accomplishments.
6. *Exceptional Duty Award*: The Exceptional Duty Award will be awarded at the Discretion of the EMS Chief to recognize performance which outdoes expectations in a non-valorous fashion.

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