

CHAPTER 28

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL BOARD

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28.01 COMPOSITION OF BOARD. The Mayor's Youth Council shall consist of nine (9) to fifteen (15) representatives appointed by the Mayor, with the assistance of the Mayor's Youth Council Advisor, also appointed by the Mayor. The Youth Council Advisor shall recommend students that create a gender balance within the Youth Council and represent the diversity of the student population. The Youth Council shall consist of a balanced representation of middle and high school students. The term of service for each representative shall be as follows:

1. Initial Appointments at Inception of the Youth Council.
 - A. Six (6) high school students, four (4) of whom shall be eligible for reappointment.
 - B. Three (3) middle school students, one (1) of whom shall be eligible for reappointment.
2. Subsequent Appointments to the Youth Council. All individuals receiving an appointment to the Youth Council, other than those serving an initial appointment, shall serve a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible for appointment to additional terms, as approved by the Mayor.

All appointments and reappointments shall be presented to the City Council for final approval. The City Council shall authorize any finances needed for the effective operation of the Youth Council, as requested by the Youth Council and recommended by the City Administrator.

28.02 ORGANIZATION. The Mayor's Youth Council shall organize as a board, with the election of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and recorder. The responsibilities of the Youth Council's officers shall be as follows:

1. Responsibility and Authority of the Mayor's Youth Council Chairperson.
 - A. To plan and conduct all Youth Council meetings.
 - B. To carry out the decisions of the Youth Council.
 - C. To meet periodically with the Youth Council Advisor to coordinate between City Council and the Youth Council.
 - D. To propose to the Youth Council plans and projects designed to assist in the fulfillment of the purposes of the Youth Council.
 - E. To assign each Youth Council member areas of responsibility.
2. Responsibility and Authority of the Mayor's Youth Council Vice-Chairperson. To perform the duties of the Youth Council's Chairperson during the Chairperson's absence.
3. Responsibility and Authority of the Mayor's Youth Council Recorder.

- A. To attend all Youth Council meetings and take and maintain minutes of said meetings.
- B. To carry out assignments of the Youth Council.
- C. To submit a year-end report to the Mayor and City Council.

In addition, the Mayor's Youth Council shall have at least one advisor. The advisor shall attend meetings and become involved, in an advisory role, in all Youth Council activities.

28.03 DUTIES.

1. It is the duty of the Mayor's Youth Council to:
 - A. Meet regularly to conduct business.
 - B. Nominate one of its members as a Chairperson with final approval of the Mayor.
 - C. Nominate one of its members as a Vice-Chairperson with final approval of the Mayor.
 - D. Nominate one of its members as a Recorder with final approval of the Mayor.
 - E. Pass motions and resolutions as necessary by a majority vote. A majority vote is one vote more than half the quorum of voting members who are present.
 - F. Carry out the purpose of the Mayor's Youth Council as outlined in this chapter.
 - G. Develop and plan activities for the youth of the community, coordinating all such activities with the Mayor and the Youth Council Advisor.
 - H. Report to the City Council.
2. The Mayor's Youth Council must:
 - A. Have a quorum in order to conduct business. A majority of the total number of members will constitute a quorum. Without a quorum, no business will be transacted and no official action on any matter will take place.
 - B. Publicly post agendas of all Youth Council meetings at least two (2) days in advance of each meeting.
 - C. Coordinate all activities with the Youth Council Advisor and the Mayor.

28.04 REQUIREMENTS. In order to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council, a youth must be a resident within the City for at least one year and be in at least the sixth grade. In order to remain on the Youth Council, a youth must remain a resident within the City, attend at least 75% of all Youth Council meetings, maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average if in school, fulfill the responsibilities of the office held, and set a proper example for the youth of the community. A member of the Youth Council can be removed from office upon violation of one or more of the criteria and by a majority vote of the Mayor's Youth Council, with the final approval of the Mayor and City Council. Any vacancy on the Youth Council, either by removal or resignation, shall be filled by the appointment of the Mayor, with final approval by

the City Council. The requirements of the members of the Mayor's Youth Council shall be as follows:

1. To attend Youth Council meetings.
2. To carry out assignments of the Youth Council.
3. To meet by appointment with the staff of the City in an effort to accomplish the purpose of the Youth Council.
4. To develop and plan, with the help of a committee, such activities as support the mission and purpose of the Youth Council.

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