

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A YOUTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, it is important and beneficial to all residents of the City of Covington (the “City”) to foster involvement of the community’s youth in the process of government and the ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to expand the City’s connections to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to increase the number of volunteers who help the City achieve its goals; and

WHEREAS, it is important to obtain community input on key issues facing the City;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. Covington Youth Council Established. The Covington City Council hereby establishes the Covington Youth Council, which shall be referred to as the “Youth Council”. The city manager shall designate appropriate city staff to advise and provide administrative assistance to the Youth Council leaders and members.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Youth Council shall be as follows:

- 2.1. Involve youth in local government.
- 2.2. Increase volunteerism among youth in civic affairs.
- 2.3. Increase communication with youth in the Covington community.
- 2.4. Involve youth in planning youth activities for the Covington community.
- 2.5. Serve as an advisory body to the City Council on matters dealing with youth in the Covington community.

Section 3. Adult Leader Positions. The Youth Council shall be guided and mentored by at least two (2) non-voting adult leaders. The adult leader positions shall be appointed and fulfilled pursuant to the following:

- 3.1 **Appointment. Notice of Vacancies.** Unless otherwise directed by the council, the city clerk’s office shall advertise notice of vacant positions so that any interested and qualified individual may submit an application.

3.2 Applicant Interviews and Appointment. The city council will endeavor to interview all applicants for an available position; provided that the mayor and mayor pro tem may limit the number of applicants interviewed by the council as a whole when the gross number of applicants is so large as to be an undue burden on the council's schedule.

- All interviews for available positions shall be scheduled at either a special or committee of the whole council meeting. For the purpose of any special or committee of the whole council meeting in which interviews are the only agenda item, the council may proceed with calling the meeting to order and conducting said interviews so long as three (3) or more council members are present.
- The council shall also interview applicants seeking reappointment for the same position, unless otherwise determined by a majority of the council.
- Appointments will be made during a regularly scheduled council meeting.
- Upon appointment, new appointees will receive a briefing by city staff regarding the duties and responsibilities of the members of the Covington Youth Council.

3.1. Appointment; Term. The City Council, by majority vote, shall appoint at least two (2) adult leaders to the Youth Council. Upon establishment of the Youth Council, all adult leader positions shall be initially appointed for a two-year term. Thereafter, upon the expiration or vacancy of an adult position, the City Council, by majority vote, shall appoint individuals to the adult leader positions in staggered-length terms to be determined by the City Council (e.g. one adult leader position assigned to a one-year term and the other adult leader position assigned to a two-year term; or, one adult leader position assigned to a two-year term and the other adult leader position assigned to a three-year term, etc.).

3.2. Removal. The City Council may remove an adult leader from their position at any time without reason upon a majority vote of the council.

Section 4. Youth Council Members. Voting members of the Youth Council shall be appointed and serve pursuant to the following:

4.1. Selection and Appointment. The city clerk's office shall advertise notice of vacant positions so that any interested and qualified individual may submit an application. Applicants shall be interviewed by the City Council and the adult leaders. The City Council shall make the final decision on appointments.

4.2. Member Criteria. Youth Council members shall be between the ages of fifteen (15) and eighteen (18) at the time of selection and reside or attend school within the City of Covington or a 3-mile radius of the City of Covington city limits.

4.3. Term. Selected Youth Council members shall each serve for a term of one (1) year. There is no limit on the number of terms a Youth Council member may apply for and be appointed to.

4.4. Removal. The City Council, by majority vote, may remove a member of the Youth Council at any time without reason. The City Council may take such action only upon the recommendation of all adult leaders.

Section 5. Organization and Rules. The Youth Council shall recommend such rules for governing its procedures as it deems necessary or advisable to the City Council for approval and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which record shall be a public record. The Youth Council shall hold regular meetings at least once every two (2) months and, pursuant to Section 8.0 of the Covington City Council Policies and Procedures, shall comply with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30).

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Covington, Washington, in open and regular session this 25th day of October, 2016, and signed in authentication thereof.



JEFF WAGNER, MAYOR

ATTESTED:


Sharon Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Sara Springer, City Attorney