

CITY OF BASTROP

ORDINANCE No. 2017-32

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, CREATING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1.19, OF THE BASTROP CODE OF ORDINANCES; CREATING A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR THE COUNCIL'S ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND RESOURCES; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, ENACTMENT, EFFECTIVE DATE, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Bastrop City Council ("City Council") has the authority to establish a Youth Advisory Council in which young community members become more involved in community issues and learn about local government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish the Youth Advisory Council to provide such insight and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 51.001 to adopt, appeal or amend any ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the municipality, and for the trade and commerce of the municipality, and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City has the full power of local self-government as recognized by Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 51.072; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds this Ordinance to be reasonable and prudent, and necessary for developing better community goals and outreach among Bastrop's youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2. ENACTMENT

Article 1.19 has been added to the City's Code of Ordinances ("Code"), and after such addition, shall read in accordance with *Attachment "A"*, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. The entire attachment shall be inserted into the Code.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

All ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.


SECTION 7. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

READ & ACKNOWLEDGED on First Reading on this, the 12th day of December 2017.

READ & APPROVED on the Second Reading on this, the 9th day of January 2018.

APPROVED:

by: 
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney

Chapter 1—General Provisions

ARTICLE 1.19: YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

1.19.1. Formation.

There is hereby created a Youth Advisory Council.

1.19.2. Membership.

- (a) **Eligibility.** The Council shall consist of twelve (12) students. To be eligible to serve, the students must be: (a) between the 9th-12th grades; (b) either attend Bastrop Independent School District (BISD) or be registered home school students within the school district boundaries; and (c) maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
- (b) **Appointment & Removal.** In accordance with Section 3.08 of the City Charter, the Mayor shall appoint eligible students to the Council. The Mayor shall select from a slate or pool of potential members provided to the Mayor annually by Bastrop ISD. Membership may be terminated either voluntarily or involuntarily. For voluntary termination of membership, a member may submit a written resignation. A member who has resigned is eligible to reapply for future Council membership. A member may be involuntarily removed from Council by the Mayor if the Mayor determines the member: (1) behaved in a way that jeopardized the safety, credibility, or integrity of the Council; and/or (2) failed to attend four (4) consecutive general meetings without prior notice. A member may be put up for review in order to determine whether or not their membership will be terminated. Any person whose membership is involuntarily terminated may then reapply for future Council membership after one calendar year has passed since their removal.
- (c) **Terms of Office.** Members shall have a one (1) year term of office. Vacancies on the Council may be filled by appointment of the Mayor for the unexpired term. Nothing in this Section or Division shall be construed as creating a property interest on behalf of the Members in continued occupancy of a position on the Council.
- (d) **Officers:** Within the Council, there shall be the following officer positions and accompanying duties: President, who will guide and lead the Council; Vice-President, who has interim duties when President is absent; Secretary, who is responsible for notes/minutes and scheduling of meetings; Parliamentarian, who is ensured with keeping the peace, order, and efficiency of the Council. All officer positions shall be elected by a majority vote of Council members. The duration of each position shall be for the Council year for which they are elected.

- (e) Voting: A quorum for all meetings of the Council shall be nine (9) Members. On all matters, a simple majority vote is required for passage.
- (f) Comportment: Members shall not act in any way that would jeopardize the safety, credibility, or integrity of the Council, or the City of Bastrop.

1.19.3. Purpose and Responsibilities.

- (a) The Council shall promote the interests of, and receive input from Bastrop's youth.
- (b) The Council shall research what communities outside of Bastrop are doing to involve the youth in the development of the community, to expand and build upon Bastrop's own community outreach.
- (c) The Council shall promote the involvement of Council to other communities.

1.19.4. Meetings.

The Council shall conduct regular meetings once a month, as scheduled by the Secretary. Meetings shall primarily be conducted at City Hall. Other meeting times and locations can be selected by the members, as deemed necessary and appropriate. Because the Council is purely an advisory body, compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act is not required.

1.19.5. Information.

The Council shall serve as a conduit for soliciting, compiling, and submitting youth input on community activities to the City Council. The Council shall be subject to the Texas Public Information Act and Texas Records Retention Act.