



Legislation Text

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Youth Development Commission - For the purpose of establishing a Youth Development Commission; creating certain definitions; identifying the responsibilities and composition of the Commission; and generally relating to the Youth Development Commission.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Ordinance 2-20

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Mayor Buckley, and Alderwoman Tierney**

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AN ORDINANCE concerning

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BY adding the following portion to the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2020 Edition
2.48.500
2.48.510
2.48.520
2.48.530

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

Title 2 - ADMINISTRATION

Chapter 2.48 - BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

ARTICLE XVI - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

SECTION 2.48.500 - DEFINITIONS.

IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

- (A) "LIAISON" MEANS THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE.
- (B) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD AND UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.

SECTION 2.48.510 - ESTABLISHED - PURPOSE - RESPONSIBILITIES.

THERE IS ESTABLISHED A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THE TERMS "YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION" AND "COMMISSION" HAVE THE SAME MEANING THROUGHOUT THIS ARTICLE.

A. PURPOSE. THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SHALL BE CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WHICH ARE FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND SITUATIONAL IN NATURE. THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY THOSE AREAS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH WITH REGARD TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, HEALTH SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION, NUTRITION, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND ACTIVITIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADVISE THE CITY COUNCIL ON ISSUES RELATING TO YOUTH IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, AND SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROGRAMS AND POLICIES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF YOUTH IN THE CITY.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES. IN CARRYING OUT ITS GENERAL PURPOSE, THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SHALL:

- (1) PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER AGENCY CONFERENCES, SURVEYS, AND STUDIES CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT;
- (2) DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A 3-YEAR PLAN OF ACTION THAT OUTLINES SPECIFIC AREAS FOR STUDY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS;
- (3) PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 3-YEAR PLAN, LEGISLATION, POLICIES, OR PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE ROLE OF YOUTH WITHIN THE CITY;
- (4) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR COMMENTS AND CONCERNS ON YOUTH-RELATED MATTERS;
- (5) ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONS AND PARKS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND CLASSES FOR YOUTH;
- (6) ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS;
- (7) ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH;
- (8) WORK WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO:
 - (I) BRING FORTH THE CONCERNS OF YOUTH; AND
 - (II) EVALUATE AND STRENGTHEN PROGRAMMING THAT WILL ENHANCE THE INTERPERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH;
- (9) DEVELOP NETWORKING STRATEGIES TO COMMUNICATE AND SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SERVICES TO YOUTH; AND

- (10) PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES THAT THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE REQUESTS.

SECTION 2.48.520 - COMPOSITION.

A. IN GENERAL.

- (1) THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION COMPRISES NINE VOTING MEMBERS AND THREE NON-VOTING MEMBERS.
- (2) ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.
- (3) THE MAYOR SHALL SELECT INDIVIDUALS WITH DIVERSE FACTORS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ETHNICITY, RACE, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY.

B. VOTING MEMBERS.

- (1) EACH VOTING MEMBER SHALL BE A YOUTH AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT.
- (2) EACH VOTING MEMBER SHALL BE A CITY RESIDENT.
- (3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TERM OF A VOTING MEMBER IS ONE YEAR. INITIAL MEMBERS SHALL HAVE STAGGERED TERMS, SUCH THAT FIVE MEMBERS HAVE ONE-YEAR TERMS AND FOUR MEMBERS HAVE TWO-YEAR TERMS. THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL DETERMINE WHICH MEMBER IS TO SERVE WHICH TERM. VOTING MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED TO SUCCESSIVE TERMS.

C. NONVOTING MEMBERS.

- (1) EACH NONVOTING MEMBER SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD AND EMPLOYED BY OR OTHERWISE AFFILIATED WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO YOUTH IN THE CITY.
- (2) THE MAYOR SHALL APPOINT AN ALDERMAN TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION AS A NONVOTING MEMBER.
- (3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TERM OF A NONVOTING MEMBER IS THREE YEARS. THE ALDERMANIC MEMBER SHALL SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THAT OFFICIAL'S ELECTED TERM. NONVOTING MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED TO SUCCESSIVE TERMS.

D. VACANCY. IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY, A NEW MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE VACANT POSITION. UPON THE EXPIRATION OF A TERM, A MEMBER MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

E. PRESIDING OFFICER. THE COMMISSION ANNUALLY SHALL ELECT FROM ITS VOTING MEMBERS A CHAIR TO PRESIDE OVER ITS MEETINGS AND A VICE CHAIR TO PRESIDE OVER ITS MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR. THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR SHALL EACH SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM AND MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR REELECTION.

F. LIAISON. AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 2.48.530 - MEETINGS.

- A. **SCHEDULE.** THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AS OFTEN AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO DISCHARGE ITS DUTIES. MEETINGS SHALL BE SCHEDULED BY THE LIAISON IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION.
- B. **OPEN MEETINGS.** EVERY MEETING OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND OPEN MEETINGS ACT, UNLESS ALLOWED BY THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO BE CLOSED. ANY PERSON MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD ON A MATTER AFFECTING YOUTH IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS. THE RECORD OF ANY OPEN MEETING SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR PUBLIC VIEW IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.
- C. **QUORUM.** A QUORUM OF THE COMMISSION IS A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE SWORN VOTING MEMBERS. NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM.
- D. **RULES OF PROCEDURE.** THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSACTION OF ITS BUSINESS.

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Explanation:

UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.