
Appendix I.

An ordinance from the City of Dade City creating the city's Youth Council.

ARTICLE IV. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS*

DIVISION 2. CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

Sec. 2-171. Creation.

There is created a board to be known as the city youth council, which shall consist of five members plus two alternates from high school and one alternate from middle school (eighth grade only). The members will be city residents who are actively enrolled in a public or private high school in grades nine through 12. The members shall be appointed by the city commission and each member appointed shall serve a term of two years, unless grade 12 is completed during the term, at which time the position shall be declared vacant. Of the five initial members appointed to the first board, three shall serve for a term of two years and two shall serve for a term of one year. The two high school alternates and the eighth grade alternate shall be appointed by the city commission for a one-year term annually. Unlike other boards, the term of the members of the city youth council will expire and be appointed in April of each year. The commissioners will attend board meetings and, along with city staff, coordinate activities.

(Ord. No. 99-0736, § 1, 6-22-1999)

Sec. 2-172. Election of officers.

The city youth council shall elect a chairman to conduct meetings and a vice-chairman to conduct meetings in the absence of the chairman. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting after annual appointments are made by the city commission.

(Ord. No. 99-0736, § 1, 6-22-1999)

Sec. 2-173. Vacancies.

Irregular vacancies on the city youth council shall be filled as they occur and regular vacancies shall be filled by appointment in April of each year.

(Ord. No. 99-0736, § 1, 6-22-1999)

Sec. 2-174. Meetings; records.

The city youth council shall hold at least one regular meeting per quarter, with option to meet more often as needed or desired. Public record of such meetings shall be kept by the office of the city clerk. All meetings shall be public under F.S. § 286.011.

(Ord. No. 99-0736, § 1, 6-22-1999)

Sec. 2-175. Absences from meetings.

Absences from three consecutive regular meetings of the city youth council shall cause a member to be removed from their seat, unless such absence is

excused by a majority vote of the board, with such excuse duly entered upon its minutes.

(Ord. No. 99-0736, § 1, 6-22-1999)

Sec. 2-176. Duties and responsibilities.

The city youth council shall have the duty and responsibility to:

- (1) Evaluate and review problems facing youth in the city.
- (2) Facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, suggested improvements for our community.
- (3) Meet regularly with the mayor and city commission to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns, and needed improvements.
- (4) Attend city commission meetings and participate in vision and goal sessions.
- (5) Present recommended improvements to the city commission and city manager of public projects and programs.
- (6) Assist in planning youth/recreation activities.
- (7) Evaluate and advise the city commission and/or city manager on issues forwarded to the city youth council for advice.

(Ord. No. 99-0736, § 1, 6-22-1999)

Secs. 2-177--2-185. Reserved.