



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2019

Re: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to the Youth Advisory Council.

## Executive Summary

Due to consistent difficulty meeting membership requirements for non-voting liaison members, staff is proposing a change to the Youth Advisory Council's membership requirements. During this revision, staff has also proposed several minor changes that would reflect current practices.

## Discussion

After continued challenges in recruiting non-voting liaison members from each participating school, City staff, in agreement with Columbia Public Schools, proposes amending the current requirements outlined in Chapter 2 of the City Code related to membership and attendance requirements for the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

The changes would eliminate the required non-voting staff liaisons from each participating school, but would maintain a non-voting staff liaison from Youth Community Coalition (YC<sup>2</sup>) and the Columbia City Council. Updates to the ordinance would also formally adopt the practiced attendance requirement which states that any YAC member who misses six meetings in an academic year would forfeit their position; this would include both excused and unexcused absences. The YAC only meets nine times per academic year.

The amended language also better reflects the manner in which YAC identifies youth-related issues to study and provide their recommendations. While YAC is responsive to youth-related issues identified by the City Council, generally YAC selects research topics based on pertinent issues they have observed in the community. Though the City Council may still assign youth-related issues for YAC to examine, the modified language allows YAC to select topics without seeking approval from the City Council. This is the current practice and the updated language would better reflect it.

Staff identified several minor changes in addition to the two more substantial changes detailed above. These changes are outlined in the draft ordinance language.

Current YAC members had the opportunity to discuss these changes and their impacts at the March 12, 2019 YAC meeting.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A



## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

## Legislative History

Date	Action
04/15/2019	REP31-19: Report to City Council relating to membership and attendance requirements.
07/17/2017	B194-17: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership requirements for the Youth Advisory Council.
01/05/2015	B398-14: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to establish a youth advisory council.

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership and attendance requirements for the Youth Advisory Council.