



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2019

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

## Executive Summary

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has been unable to meet its membership requirements for non-voting staff liaisons from participating high schools for the past two academic years. YAC's staff liaison reached out to Columbia Public Schools, who expressed an interest in eliminating the requirement. Staff would like Council direction in modifying the current ordinance establishing YAC so that the language is better aligned with current practices.

## Discussion

The Youth Advisory Council's (YAC) establishing legislation requires one non-voting staff liaison from each high school with YAC student representation, as well as a representative from the Columbia City Council and the Youth Community Coalition (YC<sup>2</sup>). The YAC has been unable to fulfill this requirement, in that there has not been a non-voting staff liaison from each school since the 2016/2017 school year. City staff, in agreement with Columbia Public Schools, is interested in removing this requirement from YAC's establishing ordinance.

In addition to removing the requirement to having non-voting staff liaisons from each school, staff would also like to modify the language in the ordinance to better align with current attendance expectations. For instance, a previous YAC voted to adopt a policy stating that any member who misses six regular meetings, whether excused or unexcused, would forfeit their membership – we would like to formally adopt this policy into the ordinance. The YAC meets nine times per academic year.

While reviewing the ordinance, staff identified several minor changes in addition to the two more substantial changes detailed above.

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



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## [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History	
Date	Action
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

Staff is seeking Council direction on changes to the Chapter 2 as it relates to the Youth Advisory Council. Should Council agree with the proposed changes, they should direct staff to bring back legislation.