

# CHAPTER 7

## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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2-7-1:                   **CREATION:** The Mayor, subject to the confirmation by the Council may appoint a Youth Advisory Council, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) members, to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval by the Council.

2-7-2:                   **QUALIFICATIONS:** No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Advisory Council who is not a citizen of the United States and a resident of the City for at least one (1) year immediately prior to his appointment.

2-7-3:                   **TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office for the first members appointed to the Advisory Council shall be one (1), two (2) and three (3) years, to be determined by lot and thereafter the terms of office for each member appointed shall be three (3) years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor, confirmed by the Council, for the unexpired balance of the term of the member whose place is being filled. Members may be removed by the majority vote of the Council, at any time. Members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations, race or religion, and shall serve without compensation.

2-7-4:                   **ORGANIZATION:** The members of the Advisory Council shall select their permanent Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary, and such other subordinates as they deem necessary. The Advisory Council shall adopt such rules and regulations as the members, by majority vote, may determine are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the Chapter. The Chairman, and in the event of his absence or inability to act the Vice Chairman, shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and shall see that a true copy of all minutes are promptly provided to the Council. The Council shall provide suitable accommodations and equipment to enable the Advisory Council to conduct its meetings.

2-7-5:                   **DUTIES AND AUTHORITY:** The purpose of the Youth Advisory Council

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shall be to act as an advisory agency to the Council and other public agencies in the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, and to that end it shall exercise the following functions:

- (A) It shall initiate and develop fact finding studies and research programs concerned with the nature, causes, and means of prevention of juvenile delinquency, and the treatment of juvenile delinquents.
- (B) It shall, from time to time, make known to the public agencies and the organizations which are concerned with and have the responsibility for the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, the results of its studies, and shall make such recommendations as it may deem of value in connection therewith.
- (C) It shall advise and assist such agencies in the study, initiation and development of new techniques, services, facilities, and programs to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency, including ways and means by which recommended services, facilities and programs may be initiated and developed.
- (D) It shall endeavor to give publicity to the nature, causes and means of preventing and controlling juvenile delinquency, by press releases, radio, television, and any other means it deems will enlist the cooperation of the public in the program.
- (E) It shall study all laws pertaining to the control of juvenile delinquency and shall formulate recommendations for such changes therein or additions thereto as it deems advisable.

2-7-6: VOLUNTARY SERVICE ON COUNCIL: The members of the Youth Advisory Council shall serve on a voluntary basis, without compensation, and the Council shall incur no expense to the City without previous authorization of the Council.

2-7-7: MEETINGS: The Youth Advisory Council shall hold regular meetings once a month, on such date as may be fixed by its rules and regulations, and may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairman.