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ORDINANCE NO. 29920

An ordinance amending Article XXV of Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Dallas City Code, as amended; creating the youth commission; and providing for its membership, terms, and duties; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Article XXV, "Reserved," of Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Dallas City Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE XXV.

YOUTH COMMISSION [RESERVED].

~~[SEC. 2-159 THRU 160.1.]~~

SEC. 2-159. **PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this commission is to promote regular and active civic engagement among the youth of the city by giving them a formal role in local decision making, offering real world experiences with elected bodies, teaching them about the role of our city council and the city's boards and commissions, providing an opportunity to develop leadership skills, offering an avenue to engage in discussion with adults and other youth, increasing volunteerism, and enhancing classroom civic education.

SEC. 2-159.1. **CREATED; MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; MEETINGS.**

(a) There is hereby created the youth commission, which shall be an advisory body of 15 members. Each city council member shall appoint one member to the commission. The mayor shall appoint the chair, and the full city council shall appoint the vice-chair.

(b) All members shall be appointed for an initial term to expire on September 30, 2017. Subsequent appointments will be made in September of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term beginning on October 1.

(c) Each member of the commission must:

(1) either:

(A) be enrolled as a full-time student in grades nine through 12 at a public or private school that accepts students who reside within the city of Dallas; or

(B) be a home-schooled student, as that term is defined in Chapter 29 of the Texas Education Code, entitled to attend public school within the city of Dallas; and

(2) be no younger than 14 years of age and no older than 19 years of age at the time of appointment; and

(3) reside within the district for which the member is appointed.

(d) A member is not required to fulfill the qualifications for board service in Chapter 8 of the Dallas City Code except that the member must:

(1) have been a resident of the city for at least six months prior to the date of appointment; and

(2) not be in arrears on any obligations owed to the city.

(e) The commission must meet at least once each month and may hold additional meetings at the call of the chair.

SEC. 2-160. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) The commission shall act as an advisory body to the city manager and the city council and shall:

(1) advise the city council and city manager on issues impacting the city;

(2) assist the city in identifying programs that are needed in the community;

and

(3) perform such other duties assigned by the city council or city manager.

(b) The city manager shall provide information and assistance to the commission in the performance of its duties and responsibilities.”

SECTION 2. That Chapter 2 of the Dallas City Code, as amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

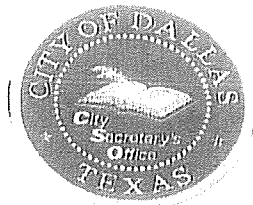
SECTION 4. That this ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Passed NOV 10 2015



PROOF OF PUBLICATION – LEGAL ADVERTISING

The legal advertisement required for the noted ordinance was published in the Dallas Morning News, the official newspaper of the city, as required by law, and the Dallas City Charter, Chapter XVIII, Section 7.

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ATTESTED BY: