

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE ADVISORY YOUTH COUNCIL OF ABILENE, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene desires to provide an opportunity for youth to share in local government matters and to learn to become responsible citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide an opportunity for youth to have a voice in decisions relating to youth affairs of this community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the long term community benefit of fostering the *development* of responsible leadership among young people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. CREATION, COMPOSITION, AND METHOD OF APPOINTMENT

There is hereby created the City of Abilene Youth Advisory Council to be composed of twenty (20) members appointed by the City Council as follows:

- A. One representative and one alternate from each of the middle schools including Project Pass in the Abilene Independent School District and Wylie Independent School District.
- B. Two representatives from each high school in the Abilene Independent School District, Wylie Independent School District, and Abilene Christian High School.

Members shall be representative of the racial and gender population of the youth community.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

Council members will not be younger than thirteen (13) nor older than 19 years of age. Council members must be in good standing with their respective school and have an 80.0 grade point average. Recommendations for Council appointments will be received from each school, youth organizations, Teen Court Coordinator, and Abilene Independent School District At-Risk Coordinator.

SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE

A representative to the Council shall serve for a term of one year. Each member may be reappointed to serve a second term not to exceed a total of two years.

SECTION 4. ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

The Council shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer from among its members at the first meeting to serve a term of one (1) year. The Council shall adopt Bylaws pertaining to the performance of its duties and the time and frequency of its meetings. Such Bylaws shall be approved by the City Council. The Council shall have the following standing committees:


- A. Bylaws
- B. Recreation/Entertainment
- C. Legislative Issues
- D. Public Relations
- E. Environmental
- F. Employment Projects
- G. Training Projects
- H. Service Projects

SECTION 5. PURPOSE AND DUTIES

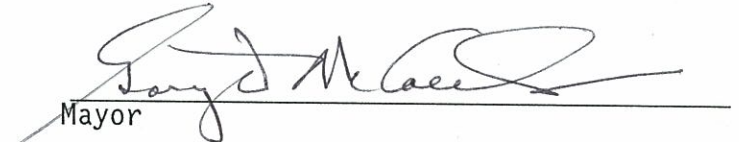
- A. To serve as an advisory committee to the City Council on youth affairs.
- B. To organize and supervise programs of all types that will benefit the youth and community of Abilene
- C. To be the voice of youth in the Abilene community.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, this
25 day of April, A.D. 1991.

ATTEST:

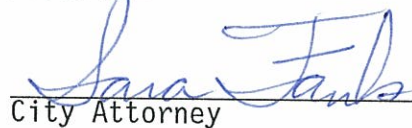


City Secretary



Mayor

APPROVED:



City Attorney

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BYLAWS
ABILENE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND ADDRESS

Section 1. The name of this body shall be the Abilene Youth Advisory Council.

Section 2. The principal office of this body shall be located at 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas 79601.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSES

Section 1. The Youth Council is to serve, listen to and represent local youth in all matters of civic interest and need.

Section 2. The Youth Council is to initiate, organize, and supervise programs and projects which shall benefit the youth of Abilene, Texas; and to work with and aid in the coordination of existing youth programs in order to create better total youth programming. These programs shall be open to all the youth of Abilene, Texas.

ARTICLE 3. COUNCIL JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Abilene Youth Advisory Council shall be the youth population of Abilene, Texas who are registered members of the Youth Council. The Council shall represent and shall be ultimately responsible to this population.

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Representation: The Council shall be composed of representatives from the youth population of Abilene, Texas over which it has jurisdiction.

Section 2. Term of Office: A representative to the Youth Council shall serve a term of one year. Each member may be reappointed to serve a second term not to exceed a total of two years.

Section 3. Removal from Office and Filling of Vacancies:

a. Removal of Council Members: Council members shall be removed automatically and permanently for the following reasons:

1. In excess of four absences from regularly scheduled council meetings, unless there was a good reason.
2. Failure to comply with the purposes stated in Article 2.
3. Failure to execute duties as an officer or Council member.
4. Failure to behave in a manner becoming an officer or Council member.

Section 4. Meetings:

- a. Regular Meetings: The Youth Council shall hold no less than two meetings quarterly (every three months). All Council members are required to attend these meetings.
- b. Special Meetings: Shall be called by the chair or by at least six members when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 5. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers:

- a. Chair: Shall be a senior who has served on the Youth Council in his or her junior year. Shall be responsible for all council activities. Shall preside over council meetings and meetings of the executive board. The Chair is responsible for keeping the Council views focused to meet its purpose and shall be the official representative of the Council.
- b. Vice Chair: Shall preside over all Council functions in the absence of the Chair. A person may succeed himself as Vice Chair.
- c. Secretary: Shall be responsible for all records and communication with assistance from the Adult Advisor.
- d. Treasurer: Shall be responsible for all funds raised, spent or given to the Youth Council with assistance from the Adult Advisor.
- e. Other: The Council may create any and all positions it may deem necessary with a two-thirds approval of the Council.

Section 2. Election of Officers:

To be held by secret ballot at the first meeting and on the first and succeeding anniversary at a time and place directed by the Council in a manner the Council desires. Elections are won by a simple majority of a quorum of Council members present at the full Council meeting.

ARTICLE 6. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Council and their functions shall be:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Function</u>
a. Bylaws Committee	To facilitate any changes needed in the bylaws.

- b. Recreation/Entertainment To provide constructive/beneficial recreation for area youth.
- c. Legislative Issues To handle the governmental contact and legislative aspects of the Youth Council.
- d. Public Relations Handle publicity of and information network for the Youth Council.
- e. Environmental Actions To discuss and facilitate change (if needed) in area environment.
- f. Employment Projects Research and recommend jobs for area youth.
- g. Training Projects Leadership training for youth.
- h. Service Projects Do projects providing a community service.

Section 2. Chairpersons of the Standing Committees: Shall be appointed by the Council Chair to serve a term of one year.

Section 3. Special Committees: The Council may create any and all positions it may deem necessary with a two-thirds approval of the Council.

ARTICLE 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Quorum: In order to proceed with formal business, the Council must have a quorum present. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership of the group that is meeting.

Section 2. Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Youth Council to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or the special laws of order of the Youth Council.

Section 3. Fiscal Year: Past Council members shall relinquish all power and responsibility at end of their term with new members assuming office at that time.

Section 4. Amendments: These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Abilene Youth Advisory Council by two-thirds vote of the Board membership.