

**CHAPTER 7
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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2-7-1: **APPOINTMENT:** The Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, shall appoint a Youth Advisory Council of not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) members.

2-7-2: **QUALIFICATIONS:** Persons eligible for appointment to the Advisory Council shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the City for at least three (3) years immediately prior to their appointment. Members shall be selected without regard to political affiliation, race, nationality, gender or religion.

2-7-3: **TERMS:** Members of the Advisory Council shall serve terms of three (3) years. The terms of no more than one-third (1/3) of the members shall expire in any calendar year. Terms of members shall expire on December 31 of the third year following their appointment.

2-7-4: **VACANCIES:** The Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, shall appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired term of any Advisory Council member in the event of a vacancy.

2-7-5: **ORGANIZATION; ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Advisory Council shall elect from its membership a chairperson, vice chairperson and a secretary and such other officers as necessary. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings. If the chairperson is absent or unable to act at any meeting, the vice chairperson shall preside. The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and shall see that a copy of all minutes is promptly provided to the City Council. The City Council shall provide suitable accommodations and equipment to enable the Advisory Council to carry out its business.

2-7-6: **RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Advisory Council shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter.

2-7-7: **COMPENSATION:** Advisory Council members shall serve without compensation.

2-7-8: MEETINGS: The Advisory Council shall hold regular meetings once a month on a date fixed by its rules and regulations and may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairperson.

2-7-9: DUTIES: The Advisory Council shall act as an advisory agency to the City Council and other public agencies in the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency. It shall exercise the following functions:

(A) 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) Make known to public agencies and organizations concerned with and responsible for the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, the results of its studies and recommendations based on its studies;

(C) Advise and assist such agencies in the study, initiation and development of new techniques, services, facilities, and programs to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency;

(D) Publicize information about the nature, causes and means of preventing and controlling juvenile delinquency, by press releases, radio, television and any other media;

(E) Study and recommend changes and additions to laws concerning the control of juvenile delinquency.