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The City Council of Framingham

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ORDER NO. 2021-083-001
REQUEST OF THE ORDINANCE AND RULES SUBCOMMITTEE

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE ORDINANCE AND RULES SUBCOMMITTEE, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council vote to amend the Youth Council Ordinance, as follows:

Update to the Framingham Youth Council Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Framingham Council, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Article I of the Framingham Ordinances is hereby amended by replacing said Youth Council Ordinance section with the following new version:

Section ____.

23.1. Intent and Purpose

There is hereby established the Framingham Youth Council (FYC) to advise the City of Framingham.

23.2. Appointments and Membership

The FYC shall consist of thirteen (13) members between the ages of 13 and 22 who reside in Framingham.

23.3. District Appointees

Each of the nine District Councilors shall nominate one candidate from their respective district to serve a term of one year. The nine nominees to the Framingham Youth Council will be appointed by a majority vote of the full Council.

23.4. At-Large Appointees

The Mayor and two At-Large Councilors shall nominate four candidates to represent the entire city to serve a term of two years. They shall be nominated as follows:

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Be it ordained by the Framingham Council, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Article II of the Framingham Ordinances is hereby amended by replacing said Youth Council Ordinance section with the following new version:

Section 23.

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a. Each At-Large Councilor shall nominate a candidate to the Framingham Youth Council to be appointed by a majority vote of the full Council.

b. The Mayor shall nominate two candidates to the Framingham Youth Council to be appointed by a majority vote of the full Council.

The Framingham Youth Council will report directly to the Council, and will advise the Mayor and School Committee on issues upon the Mayor or School Committee's request.

The Council shall select up to three Councilors to serve as advisors to the Framingham Youth Council. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Framingham Youth Council.

The first meeting of the FYC shall take place within 60 days of the appointment of at least eight members to the FYC. The advertising for and nomination of the candidates for the FYC shall take place at the same time as all of the other annual appointments to City Boards, Committees and Commissions.

23.5. Selection of officers, agenda, and minutes

The Framingham Youth Council shall elect its Chair to conduct meetings, a Vice Chair to conduct meetings in the absence of the Chair, and a Clerk to record and submit minutes to the City Clerk for each meeting. The FYC shall also elect two liaisons, one to the School Committee and one to the Council. The liaisons would be required to attend at least one meeting each month in order to establish better communication between the Framingham Youth Council and the School Committee and Council, respectively. Officers shall serve one year terms and be eligible for reelection to an officer position in a subsequent year.

Agendas shall be prepared by the Chair in response to the needs of the City's youth, upon request by fellow Youth Councilors, or upon request by the Mayor, Council, or School Committee. Minutes will be submitted by the Clerk after being approved by a majority of the FYC. The timing of approval and filing of minutes shall be compliant within the guidelines of the State's Open Meeting Law and Framingham's Ordinances.

Elections shall be held at the first meeting after appointments are made by the Council and the Mayor, upon which there is a quorum.

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6. Vacancies

Vacancies on the Framingham Youth Council will occur when a member moves out of Framingham or registers to vote in another community, resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings, except in the case of severe illness or injury.

Members of the Youth Council may be removed upon a vote of nine members of the FYC and a majority vote of the full Council.

23.7. Duties

The Framingham Youth Council shall have the responsibilities of:

- a. Evaluating and reviewing issues facing youth in the City;
- b. Representing youth in the City of Framingham, and advising elected officials and other policy makers regarding matters of interest or concern to young people;
- c. Providing information to and advocating before public entities including the Mayor, municipal, state and federal officials in support of young people in the City of Framingham;
- d. Providing a structure for all young people in Framingham to learn the value of civic participation and thereby encouraging lifelong participatory residents;
- e. Offering policy recommendations on issues affecting and of interest to young people; and,
- f. Engaging with young people in Framingham to inform them of opportunities and listening to their suggestions regarding how the community can better serve its residents.

23.8. Reports and Annual Meetings

The Framingham Youth Council shall provide an oral or written report to the Council on its activities in February, May, and October of each year. The FYC shall conduct an annual joint meeting with the Superintendents in January of each year.

23.9. Rules

The Framingham Youth Council will meet at least bimonthly in the City of Framingham, except in the case of an emergency, and shall post notices of its meetings in accordance with the state's Open Meeting Law and these ordinances. FYC may adopt other rules and shall comply with the Uniform Rules Governing Multiple Member Bodies set forth in Article IX, Section 7 of the Framingham Ordinances.

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SECTION 3.

Severability

If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4.

Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

FIRST READING

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini, Steiner,
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Stewart-Morales. All other members were present in person or via teleconferencing
PASSED IN COUNCIL: OCTOBER 19, 2021

SECOND READING

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini, Steiner, Stewart-Morales
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All other members were present in person or via teleconferencing
PASSED IN COUNCIL: NOVEMBER 16, 2021

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A True Record, Attest:

11/29/21

Date Approved



Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk

12/3/21

Date Approved



Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor