

ORDINANCE NO. 1881

INTRODUCED BY: Huerta

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1837 AND ARTICLE 2-24 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE CITY OF BRIGHTON YOUTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Brighton City Council believes strongly that Brighton is and should continue to be a family-friendly community; and

WHEREAS, the Brighton City Council recognizes that encouragement and nurturing of families is best achieved when its youth are empowered, supported, and informed so that they can be productive members of the community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to realize its commitment to youth, the City Council has established the City of Brighton Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, as part of its ongoing fact-finding and information gathering processes regarding the Youth Commission, the City Staff has determined that certain revisions to the organizational structure and term provisions of the Youth Commission are necessary and will contribute positively to the success of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2-24-30 (6) and (7) of Article 2-24 of the Brighton Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 1837 are hereby amended to read as follows:

(6) The Commission shall build partnerships with individuals, groups, and organizations that impact both youth and families.

(7) The Commission shall partner with individuals, groups, and organizations in the planning and implementation of services, supports, and opportunities for Brighton's youth and families.

Section 2. Section 2-24-40 of Article 2-24 of the Brighton Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 1837 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-24-40. Membership

The City of Brighton Youth Commission shall consist of twenty six (26) voting members, all of whom shall reside within the corporate limits of the City and be appointed by the Mayor with approval of City Council. Membership shall include:

1. Twenty (20) Commission members between the ages of 13 and 19:
 - a. Youth members will be recruited from all secondary schools serving Brighton students.
 - b. Young people who are home schooled, have finished school but are not yet 19 years of age, and those who have dropped out of school will also be afforded the opportunity to apply.
2. One (1) City Council member.
3. One (1) Brighton School District 27J School Board member who lives within the school district boundaries appointed by the School Board.
4. Four (4) at-large citizen representatives, each residing in a different Brighton ward and with the focus of each being between the ages of 20 and 30.
5. One (1) City staff ex-officio member appointed by the City Manager (see Section 2-24-60 below).
6. No applicant, appointee or member of the Commission who has been convicted of a crime against a minor child shall be qualified to serve on the Youth Commission. By submitting an application for appointment to the Commission, applicants consent to a background check for such purposes, to the extent provided by law.

Section 3. Section 2-24-50 of Article 2-24 of the Brighton Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 1837 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-24-50 Terms of Office.

The members of the City of Brighton Youth Commission shall serve in such capacity without compensation. All terms of office shall begin on June 1 and expire on May 31. The terms of office of the Commission members shall be as follows:

1. The terms for all youth and at-large Commissioners shall be two (2) years.
2. Commissioners may be recommended for one (1) additional reappointment.
3. To ensure that Commission terms are staggered, the initial year's appointments will be made as follows:
 - a. One-half of the youth appointments will be one (1) year appointments and one-half will be two (2) year appointments.
 - b. One-half of the adult At Large appointments will be one (1) year appointments and one-half will be two (2) year appointments.

- c. The Council member appointment will coincide with his or her respective tenure in office.
- d. The District 27J School Board representative will coincide with his or her respective tenure of office.

Section 4. Section 2-24-70 of Article 2-24 of the Brighton Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 1837 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-24-70 Organization and Rules.

1. At the first meeting in May, the Commission shall elect officers who shall serve a one (1) year term. All may be eligible for reelection for up to one (1) additional year term.
2. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations governing its procedures, as it deems necessary or advisable, and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which record shall be a public record.
3. The Commission shall meet at least monthly on a date and at a time set forth in its rules and regulations. All meetings shall be conducted consistent with said rules and regulations and the City of Brighton Charter and City of Brighton Municipal Code. A quorum shall consist of thirteen (13) voting members.

Section 5. Section 2-24-80 of Article 2-24 of the Brighton Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 1837 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-24-80 Absences.

Any member of the Commission who is unable to attend a meeting shall notify the chair or staff representative, in advance of the meeting, stating the reason for his or her absence. Two (2) unexcused absences shall constitute the resignation of the member.

Section 6. Section 2-24-110 of Article 2-24 of the Brighton Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 1837 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-24-110 Vacancies.

Vacancies occurring on the Commission other than through the expiration of a term shall only be filled at the beginning of a new Commission year for the remainder of the unexpired term of office as set forth in Section 2-24-40 above.

Section 7. All other provisions of Article 2-24 of the Brighton Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 1837 not amended herein are hereby re-affirmed and ratified.

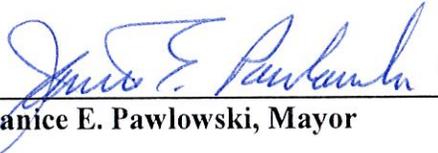
Section 8. Repeal. Existing or parts of ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Validity. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared invalid.

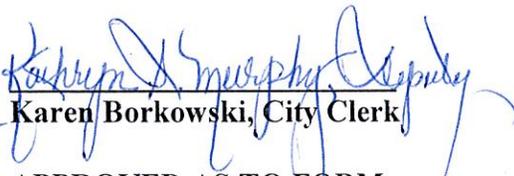
Section 10. Interpretation. This Ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose.

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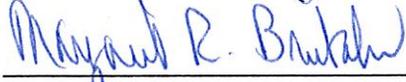
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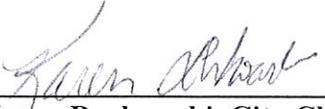
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