

**ORDINANCE NO. 1837**

**INTRODUCED BY: Gonzales**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE 2-34 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.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 2 of the Brighton Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Article 2-24, City of Brighton Youth Commission, to read as follows:

**Section 2-24-10. Establishment.**

There is hereby established the City of Brighton Youth Commission. This Article is adopted for the purpose of codifying the organization of the City of Brighton Youth Commission.

**Section 2-24-20. Purpose.**

The City of Brighton Youth Commission established under this Article shall study, investigate, plan, implement and advise the City Council on matters related to youth. In particular, the Commission is charged with developing and promulgating policies, programs and services that empower, support and inform youth; that create a family-friendly community; and that enables and encourages youth to be productive members of the community. The Commission shall serve as an advisory body to the City Council on all matters dealing with youth.

**Section 2-24-30. Powers and Duties.**

- (1) The City of Brighton Youth Commission shall have all the powers granted herein and shall perform all the duties as provided herein.
- (2) The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and for defining the duties of its members, officers and committees.
- (3) The Commission shall work with the Mayor and City Council to develop and implement City policies that focus on youth.
- (4) The Commission shall advise the Mayor and City Council on important issues that relate to youth.
- (5) The Commission shall facilitate the planning and organization of youth summits and regular neighborhood meetings throughout the City.
- (6) The Commission shall work to build partnerships with other youth organizations.
- (7) The Commission shall solicit and provide volunteers and other support personnel for community youth events and programs.
- (8) The Commission shall carry out and implement other directives from the City Council.

**Section 2-24-40. Membership**

The City of Brighton Youth Commission shall consist of seventeen (17) voting members, fifteen (15) of whom shall reside within the corporate limits of the City and be appointed by the Mayor with approval of City Council, and two (2) of whom shall be representatives appointed by the Brighton 27J School District as set forth in sections 3 and 4 below, and shall include:

- (1) Ten (10) Commission members between the ages of 13 and 19:
  - a. Two (2) High School Age Students
  - b. Two (2) Brighton Heritage Academy Student
  - c. Two (2) Charter School Student
  - d. Two (2) Overland Trails Middle School Students
  - e. Two (2) Vikan Middle School
- (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) One (1) Brighton School District 27J staff representative who is employed within the City of Brighton

- (5) Four (4) at-large citizen representatives who are residents of the City of Brighton
- (6) One (1) City staff ex-officio member appointed by the City Manager (see Section 2-24-60 below).

No applicant, appointee or member of the Commission who has been convicted of a crime involving 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 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 October 1 and expire on September 30. The terms of office of the Commission members shall be as follows:

- (1) The term of office for City Council persons and Brighton School District 27J Board members shall coincide with their respective tenure in office;
- (2) The term of office for the ten (10) student members shall be one (1) year, or until his or her successor is appointed and takes office;
- (3) The term of office for the one (1) Brighton School District representative shall be one year, or until his or her successor is appointed and takes office
- (4) The term of office for the remaining four (4) members shall be three (3) years, or until his or her successor is appointed and takes office; except the respective terms of office for the initial four (4) members of the Commission shall be staggered, as follows:
  - a. Two (2) of the At-Large members shall serve a two (2) year term;
  - b. Two (2) of the members At-Large shall serve a three (3) year term.

**Section 2-24-60 Appointment of City of Brighton Youth Commission.**

The Mayor and City Council are directed to cause the members of the Brighton Youth Commission, upon its organization and adoption of rules, to proceed to function. The City Manager shall appoint a City staff member to provide for the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission, without vote.

**Section 2-24-70      Organization and Rules.**

- (1) At its first meeting in October, the Commission shall elect two (2) co-chairpersons, one of who shall be a youth member and one of who shall be an adult member, and a secretary. The term of office for the youth chairperson shall be one (1) year; the term of office for the adult chairperson shall be two (2) years; and the term of office for the secretary shall be one (1) year; all of whom may be eligible for re-election.
- (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 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 nine (9) voting members.

**Section 2-24-80      Absences.**

Any member of the Commission who is unable to attend a meeting shall notify the co-chairpersons, 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 2-24-90      Removal.**

Members of the Commission, other than those representing the City Council and School Boards, may be removed by the Mayor for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance while in office, and the applicable governing body may remove the member representing it for the same reasons. The Mayor or governing body, as the case may be, shall file a written statement of the reasons for such removal.

**Section 2-24-100      Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenditures.**

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation; provided, however, that each member may be reimbursed for an actual authorized expenditures reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with his or her duties as a member of the Commission

**Section 2-24-110 Vacancies.**

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

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