

ORDINANCE NO. 20-19

Anderson, Bullock, George, Litten, O'Leary,
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AN ORDINANCE enacting Chapter 159, Youth Council, of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances to establish a council for purposeful planning; advising Council and the Administration on matters including but not limited to addressing youth concerns and perspectives; assisting in securing and developing programs and activities for the young people in the City; and providing programming in the community for youth to obtain leadership skills and to participate in civic affairs; and appointing six of the original members of the council.

WHEREAS, Lakewood desires to involve young people in with the community to discuss issues that are important to the youth of our City and advise Council and the Administration on such issues; and

WHEREAS, an advisory council comprised of high school students will facilitate involvement of youth in the government process and allow Council and the Administration to receive youth perspectives on issued which affect the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the City also seeks to enable youth to participate in improving the quality of life in the community by planning and promoting programs and services for youth, educate and raise awareness of youth issues, inspire positive action in the community, act as advocates for youth and teens; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council Planning Task Force has made recommendations on the structure of the Youth Council as embodied in the task force's proposed bylaws for the Youth Council; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. Chapter 159, Youth Council, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 159
Youth Council

- 159.01 Establishment; purpose.
- 159.02 Membership; qualifications.
- 159.03 Terms.
- 159.04 Bylaws and general rules of operation.

159.01 Establishment; purpose.

The Youth Council is hereby established to provide City Council and the Mayor a youth perspective on issues that affect the City and to provide the opportunity for youth to be active and participate in city government. The Youth Council shall review those matters and make recommendations, as appropriate, referred by Council or the Mayor as they pertain to youth activities, interests and concerns.

159.02 Membership; qualifications.

The Youth Council shall be composed of 15 Lakewood residents who, at the time of their appointment, are between the point of entering the eighth grade and entering their freshman year of college in the fall of the year of their appointment. The Mayor shall appoint the original 15 members with confirmation of Council, and thereafter the Youth Council shall submit slates of members appointed by the Youth Council every two years for ratification by the Mayor with confirmation of Council. Members shall receive no compensation for their service.

159.03 Terms.

Youth Council members shall be eligible to serve up to two consecutive two-year terms. Vacancies in terms shall be filled by action of the Youth Council without additional approval of the Mayor or Council.

159.04 Bylaws and general rules of operation.

The Youth Advisory Council shall meet at least on a quarterly basis and shall devise its own officers, governance, and place and time of assembly.

Section 2. The Mayor hereby appoints, and Council hereby confirms, the following persons as six of the original members of the Youth Council: Yusra Abdi, Collin Hunt, Olivia Patterson, Tristan Rumsey, Siwita Ali Shah, and Tully Worrton.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Adopted: 7/1/2019



President of Council



Clerk of Council

Approved: July 2 2019



Mayor