

# **Youth Council Constitution**

We the members of the Cumming Youth Council, in order to promote the interests and needs of the Youth of the City of Cumming and of schools within the City of Cumming, ordain and establish this Constitution.

## **Article I: Purpose**

The duties and activities of the Youth Council are specifically listed below:

- To observe, evaluate and stay abreast of programs and services available to the Youth of Cumming.
- Make recommendations to the City Council as to strengthening existing services and expanding services to meet unmet needs.
- Make feasibility recommendations to the City Council where requested and appropriate.
- Be responsive to the concerns of the Youth of Cumming.
- Inform and suggest to the City Council ways to make policy youth-oriented.
- Create a climate of public awareness and responsibility for meeting the needs of the Cumming youth.
- Submit to the City Council, and make available to the public an annual report of the activities of the Youth Council.
- To advise local government officials and to be viewed as an essential part of local government structure.
- To initiate and foster leadership among youth through education and outreach.
- To reach out to youth so they understand governmental processes.
- To actively involve youth on policy issues affecting them.
- To promote the education of the functions of city government.
- To promote public awareness on the strengths and abilities of youth.
- To actively involve youth in planning, developing and implementing social, cultural and recreational activities.
- Enhancing the community for youth.
- Informing the City of Cumming of the needs and wishes of the Youth.
- Promote community pride in the youth community.

## **Article II: Elected Officials**

All members of the Cumming Youth Council shall be selected by the Cumming City Council and should serve for exactly one year after being officially inaugurated.

## **Article III: Elections**

## **New Development Delay Policy**

(Subdivision Building Delay Policy)

Purpose: To delay any new developments including residential, mixed-use, institutional, commercial, specialized industrial, or any developments until it is certain that Cumming's infrastructure can handle said development(s).

City Infrastructure should be able to meet the capacity of what is being developed. No construction on any development should begin until developers pay for infrastructure that their own development may hinder the success of for the citizens and visitors of the City of Cumming.

Infrastructure needs, while typically focused on roads, can be anything from water supply and treatment, energy, etc. Developers must pay exaction fees before building any structure in Cumming.

## **City of Cumming Police Appreciation Week**

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy recognized the week of May 15th as "Police Week." The City of Cumming Youth Council, with the passage of this policy, will recognize the week of May 15th as "Cumming Police Appreciation Week."

With this week recognized, the Youth Council members could visit with the City of Cumming Police Department and participate in ride-alongs, a tour of the Cumming Police Department, and the opportunity to speak to a Cumming Police Officer and ask questions.

This would be a learning experience for Youth Council Members as well as a great sign of respect from Cumming Youth to Cumming Law Enforcement.