

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to amend the City of Eatonton Youth Council and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Eatonton desire to establish a Youth Council to provide an opportunity for the youth of the City to build leadership skills, to learn more about civic responsibility, to gain a better understanding of municipal government, and to prepare for a lifetime of public and community service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that

Section 1: Youth Council Created; Purpose:

The Eatonton Youth Council is hereby created to serve as an advisory body to the City Council in matters related to the needs of youth in Eatonton and to promote youth involvement in the community. The three areas of focus shall be Leadership Development, Community Service, and Civics & Local Government.

The Eatonton Youth Council Advisory Board is also created to serve in an advisory role to the Eatonton Youth Council.

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities:

The Eatonton Youth Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Foster greater involvement of youth in our community.
- Study problems, activities, and concerns of youth, especially as they relate to municipal programs or projects of the City of Eatonton.
- Hold forums on problems, activities and concerns of youth, either alone or in conjunction with other governmental agencies and community organizations, as the Eatonton Youth Council deems desirable.
- Be responsive to concerns of youth in the City of Eatonton.
- Review those municipal matters referred to by the City Council or other City committees and, as appropriate, make recommendations on those matters.
- Encourage youth participation in City and Community events.
- Promote and conduct healthy, safe, and fun activities for the youth of Eatonton.
- Participate in youth leadership development classes and assignments as may be made available.
- Serve as goodwill ambassadors for the City of Eatonton.
- Provide quarterly reports to the City Council on all activities and recommendations of the Eatonton Youth Council.

Section 3: Members and Officers:

The Eatonton Youth Council shall be comprised of up to 16 members, equally representing the four City Wards to the extent possible. The members shall be residents of the City who are actively enrolled in a public or private high school in grades nine through twelve.

From the members who are appointed to the Eatonton Youth Council, one shall be selected annually from among its members to serve in each of the following offices: President, Vice President and Secretary.

Section 4: Tenure:

The members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Council of the City of Eatonton. Each member shall serve a term of one year or until he or she graduates from high school, whichever occurs first.

The Eatonton Youth Council members shall serve without compensation and shall incur no expenses chargeable to the City without prior authorization of the City Administrator.

Section 5: Quorum; Attendance:

A majority of the members of the Eatonton Youth Council then in office shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The Eatonton Youth Council President shall inform the City Council of any member who fails to attend three meetings in any twelve-month period and the City Council may excuse the absences or replace the Council member at its discretion.

Section 6: Advisory Board:

The Eatonton Youth Council Advisory Board shall consist of up to 5 members; one member from each of the four City wards (to the extent possible) plus one member from the City at large. All members shall be residents of the City of Eatonton and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Council of the City of Eatonton. In addition, one member of the Council of the City of Eatonton shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board.

Advisory Board members shall attend meetings of the Eatonton Youth Council and shall be involved in an advisory role in the Eatonton Youth Council's activities. The Eatonton Youth Council Advisory Board shall also develop and/or coordinate an appropriate youth leadership curriculum for Eatonton Youth Council participants.

Section 7: By-Laws:

The Eatonton Youth Council and Eatonton Youth Council Advisory Board shall propose to the Council of the City of Eatonton initial by-laws and amendments as may be necessary. Such by-laws and amendments shall be approved by the Council of the City of Eatonton.

Section 8: Conflicts of Interest:

All meetings of the Eatonton Youth Council shall be held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and members of the Eatonton Youth Council shall conduct themselves consistently with state laws governing potential conflicts of interest.

APPROVED AND AMENDED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 7th day of January, 2020.



ATTEST:

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Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia

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John Reid, Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia