

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-600****ORDINANCE NO. 2019-011**

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards and Commissions, of the Joplin City Code, by enacting a new Division 3, City Youth Council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That a new Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards and Commissions, Division 3, City Youth Council, is enacted as follows:

**“DIVISION 3. CITY YOUTH COUNCIL****Sec. 2-160. Creation.**

There is created a board to be known as the city youth council, which shall consist of eleven members. The members will be city residents who are actively enrolled in a public or private high school in grades 10 through 12. The members shall be appointed by the city council and each member appointed shall serve a term of one year, or until the student transfers or graduates from high school, unless grade 12 is completed during the term, at which time the position shall be declared vacant. Members may re-apply every year provided they remain within the grade limits of the membership qualifications. The term of the members of the city youth council will expire and be appointed in May of each year.

**Sec. 2-161. Election of officers.**

The city youth council shall elect a chairman to conduct meetings, a vice-chairman to conduct meetings in the absence of the chairman, and a secretary to record meeting minutes. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting after annual appointments are made by the city council.

**Sec. 2-162. Vacancies.**

Irregular vacancies on the city youth council shall be filled as they occur, and regular vacancies shall be filled by appointment in May of each year.

**Sec. 2-163. Meetings; records.**

The city youth council shall hold at least one regular meeting per quarter, with option to meet more often as needed or desired. Public record of such meetings shall be kept by the office of the city clerk. All meetings shall be public under the Missouri Sunshine Law.

**Sec. 2-164. Absences from meetings.**

Absences from three consecutive regular meetings of the city youth council shall cause a member to be removed from their seat, unless such absence is excused by a majority vote of the board, with such excuse duly entered upon its minutes.

**Sec. 2-165. Duties and responsibilities.**

The city youth council shall have the duty and responsibility to:

- (1) Evaluate and review problems facing youth in the city.
- (2) Facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, and suggested improvements for our community.
- (3) Meet regularly with the mayor and city council to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns, and needed improvements.
- (4) Attend city council meetings and participate in vision and goal sessions.
- (5) Present recommended improvements to the city council of public projects and programs.
- (6) Assist in planning youth/recreation activities.
- (7) Evaluate and advise the city council on issues forwarded to the city youth council for advice.

Secs 2-166--2-170. Reserved."

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 22nd day of January 2019, by a vote of 9-0.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Roschelle Forsythe, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney