

Brookfield Town Ordinance: Proposed Revisions

Chapter 72 — Youth Commission

§ 72-1 Creation.

There is hereby established a Youth Commission for the Town of Brookfield, which shall be known as the "Brookfield Youth Commission."

§ 72-2 Membership; terms; alternate members.

- A. The said Brookfield Youth Commission shall consist of five (5) members, three (3) alternate members and five seven (7) nonvoting youth representatives.
- B. Three members of said Commission shall be appointed to serve until the first Monday in February 1985, and the remaining two members of said Commission shall be appointed to serve until the first Monday in February 1986. Thereafter, Appointments for the five (5) members and three (3) alternate members shall be for terms of two years, each commencing on the first Monday in February. Appointments for the seven (7) nonvoting members shall be for terms of two years, each commencing on the first day of the upcoming school year. Said appointments are to be made by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the provisions of § C4-12 of the Town Charter.
- C. One alternate member of said Commission shall be appointed for a term expiring the first Monday in February 1985, and two alternate members shall be appointed for a term expiring the first Monday in February 1986. Thereafter, appointments shall be for a term of two years, each commencing on the first Monday in February. Said appointments are to be made by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the provisions of § C4-12 of the Town Charter.

§ 72-3 Youth representatives.

The five seven (7) youth representatives on said Commission shall be residents of the Town of Brookfield, and each of them shall be not less than 12 nor more than 18 years of age. They shall advise the Commission of issues before it and participate in all deliberations but shall not be entitled to vote on Commission matters. Initially, said youth representatives shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms expiring on the first Monday of February 1985. Thereafter, Appointments shall be made by the Board of Selectmen for terms of two years, commencing on the first Monday of February first day of the upcoming school year in odd-numbered years.

§ 72-4 Vacancies.

All vacancies occurring in the memberships of said Commission shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the provisions of § C4-12 of the Town Charter.

Existing language to be deleted.

New language to be added.

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§ 72-5 Powers and duties.

The Youth Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To study the needs of youthful persons within the Town, including those needs relating to employment, mental and physical health, youth activities and social issues and to develop a plan to meet the needs of the youth of the Town of Brookfield.
 - B. To analyze services for the youth provided within the Town by both public and private agencies and to make recommendations to those agencies and to the Board of Selectmen regarding the development and implementation of services related to the needs of the youth.
 - C. To provide coordination of community programs for the youth.
 - D. To provide such services as are needed by the youth of the Town of Brookfield, subject to the appropriations of funds therefor by the Town.
- A. To provide a forum for Youth representative (and all Brookfield youth) to have a voice in Town and School decisions and actions.
 - B. To allow Youth to bring issues of concern to the table, and guide actions to insure that their voice and perspective is heard and included in relevant areas within the Town and Schools. Issues of concern would include, but not be limited to, Park and Recreation projects, mental and physical health of youth, emerging social issues, and more. When appropriate the Youth Commission shall have the ability to create a plan for Town boards and agencies to consider.
 - C. To create and schedule such events as the Youth Commission sees fit, including regular job fairs at the schools, candidate forums where student concerns can be posed, and more.
 - D. To make an annual report to the Board of Selectmen on their activities, events, concerns, requests, etc.

§ 72-6 Applicability of Charter provisions.

The provisions of §§ C4-12, C7-3, C7-4 and C7-5 of the Town Charter, as well as any other Charter provisions applicable hereto, shall govern the conditions of membership for

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the Youth Commission, except that the provisions of §§ C7-3 and C7-5 of the Town Charter shall not be applicable to the youth representatives of said Commission.