

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN,
CHAPTER 10, THEREOF ENTITLED *ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT*
TO ADD AN *ARTICLE XV, HAGERSTOWN YOUTH COUNCIL***

RECITALS

WHEREAS, by virtue of State Law and the City Charter, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown have the authority to establish and maintain boards and committees to serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is appropriate and timely to establish a council to facilitate and increase communication with, and participation by, city youth regarding matters impacting city youth; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously authorized and created an ad hoc council to serve a similar purpose with authority to exist for a year at a time; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council desire to grant authority for a youth council to function and exist in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it in the best interests of the citizens to amend the Code of the City of Hagerstown, Chapter 10 to add an article establishing a permanent Hagerstown Youth Council;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, as its duly constituted legislative body, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals be and are incorporated herein as if restated verbatim.
2. Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Hagerstown is amended to add the following Article XV:
(See Attached)
3. This amendment to the Code of the City of Hagerstown shall become effective immediately upon the effective date of this Enacting Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Enacting Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days following its approval.

WITNESS AND ATTEST
AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND



Donna Spickler, City Clerk



Emily Keller, Mayor

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Chapter 10. Administration of Government

Part 2. Boards, Commissions and Authorities

Article XV. Hagerstown Youth Council

§ 10-75. Establishment; purpose.

There is hereby established a Hagerstown Youth Council, which is an advisory board to the City Administrator and to the Mayor and Council pertaining to promoting and encouraging youth involvement in the City of Hagerstown government and issues impacting City youth.

§ 10-76. Membership; terms of office.

- A. There shall be established a Hagerstown Youth Council of the City of Hagerstown, which shall consist of at least 5 members and no more than 11 members. The Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council, at least 5 members and no more than 11 members, who shall be high school students who are residents of the City of Hagerstown or those who attend school in the City of Hagerstown.
- B. Members shall serve for either a two (2) year term or until they graduate from high school, whichever occurs first.
- C. Members shall be recommended for appointment through an application process conducted by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

§ 10-77. Chairperson; staff assistance.

- A. The Council shall select a Chairperson who will:
 - a. Act as spokesperson for the Council; and
 - b. Conduct meetings and ensure that detailed records are maintained or designate another member of the Council to do so.
- B. The City Administrator shall see that staff assistance is provided for the Council, as may be required in his/her discretion. Staff shall not vote.

§ 10-78. Meetings.

The Council shall meet as needed.

§ 10-79. Responsibilities.

- A. It is the responsibility of the Hagerstown Youth Council to provide commentary and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as it deems necessary in reference to matters impacting youth on both a national and local scale.
- B. The Council shall serve solely in an advisory capacity and shall have the authority to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for its review and consideration.

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