

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN,
CHAPTER 10, THEREOF ENTITLED ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT
ARTICLE XV, HAGERSTOWN YOUTH COUNCIL, BY
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF SAID COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHING
A PARTNER GROUP TO MENTOR SAID 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 believed it appropriate and timely to establish a council to facilitate and increase communication with, and participation by, city youth regarding matters impacting city youth;

WHEREAS, on or about July 27, 2021, the Mayor and Council amended the Code of the City of Hagerstown, Chapter 10 by adding an article establishing a permanent Hagerstown Youth Council;

WHEREAS, Hagerstown Youth Council has served in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council since on or about July 16th, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Hagerstown Youth Council can have up to eleven (11) members;

WHEREAS, since the formation of the Hagerstown Youth Council, the City has seen an increasing interest of youth in the community in the last year, and this year the City had a record number of applicants apply for positions on the Hagerstown Youth Council;

WHEREAS, the youth are incredibly passionate about serving the City;

WHEREAS, by increasing the size of the Hagerstown Youth Council to up to nineteen (19) members, the City would benefit from having additional energy, creativity, input and ideas of additional youthful citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, by establishing a standing Partner Group, the Hagerstown Youth Council will have an established body to provide mentoring to it.

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 revise *Article XV Hagerstown Youth Council § 10-76. Membership; terms of office* by increasing the maximum number of members of the Hagerstown Youth Council to up to nineteen (19) members.

3. Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Hagerstown is amended to revise *Article XV Hagerstown Youth Council* by adding **§ 10-80. Hagerstown Youth Council Partner Group** by establishing a Partner Group to Mentor the Hagerstown Youth Council.

4. In all other respects the Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

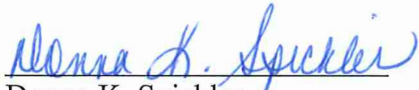
(See Attached. Amendment appears **in bold.**)

5. This amendment to the Code of the City of Hagerstown shall become effective immediately upon the effective date of this Enacting Ordinance.

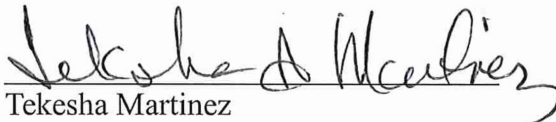
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Enacting Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days following its approval.

WITNESS AND ATTEST
AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND



Donna K. Spickler
City Clerk



Tekesha Martinez
Mayor

Date of Introduction:	September 19, 2023	PREPARED BY
Date of Passage:	September 26, 2023	SALVATORE & MORTON, LLC,
Effective Date:	October 27, 2023	CITY ATTORNEY

Chapter 10. Administration of Government

Part 2. Boards, Commissions and Authorities

Article XV. Hagerstown Youth Council

§ 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 **19** members. The Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council, at least 5 members and no more than **19** 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.

§ 10-80. Hagerstown Youth Council Partner Group.

The Mayor and City Council may appoint a Hagerstown Youth Council Partner Group to assist in selecting Hagerstown Youth Council Members and to serve as mentors and advisors to the Youth Council. The Partner Group shall consist of at least three (3) and no more than (5) adults each of whom shall be over the age of twenty-one (21), and each of whom must be affiliated with, employed by, or serve as a board member for one of the following: (a) a nonprofit entity with a mission/function related to youth development, education, wellness and/or housing; (b) a nonprofit entity with a mission related to community diversity and/or culture; or (c) the Washington County Board of Education. The term of the Partner Group shall be one (1) year, and any Partner Group presently having been appointed on an ad hoc basis as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall continue to serve for the balance of its ad hoc term. Candidates for the Partner Group shall be recommended for appointment through an application process conducted by the Department of Community and Economic Development. The Partner Group shall meet as needed.