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Chapter 2.85 GALT YOUTH COMMISSION

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2.85.010 Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Galt Youth Commission Ordinance.”

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.020 Establishment.

There is created and established a commission of the City to be known as the “Galt Youth Commission” and hereinafter called “Youth Commission.”

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.030 Purpose and functions.

A. The purpose of the Youth Commission is to collaborate with City departments, community businesses and nonprofit organizations on matters pertaining to programs and activities for teens. The Youth Commission shall encourage the youth to participate in activities that are purposeful in building better citizens, stimulate community service to Galt and encourage family participation in building civic unity.

B. The Youth Commission shall perform the following functions:

1. Receive and evaluate input from the community on issues relevant to teen programming.
2. Serve as a resource and advocate to the City Council on teen issues.
3. Perform such other functions as may be assigned to the Commission by the City Council.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.040 Qualifications.

A. City Council Members, when recommending or nominating persons to serve on the Youth Commission, shall seek outstanding individuals whose commitment and talents will contribute to the purposes and functions of the Commission and who reflect the ethnic, geographic and gender diversity of the City.

B. In order to be eligible to hold office as an adult representative on the Commission, a person must reside within the boundaries of the Galt Joint Union High School District. Prior to assuming office, adult members of the Commission shall be fingerprinted. If, during his or her term of office, a member of the Commission moves his or her residence outside the high school district boundaries, such member's office shall immediately become vacant.

C. In order to be eligible to hold office as a youth representative on the Commission, a person must be a youth in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and reside within the boundaries of the Galt Joint Union High School District. If, during his or her term of office, a member of the Commission moves his or her residence outside the high school district boundaries, such member's office shall immediately become vacant.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.050 Membership - appointment and terms.

A. The Commission shall consist of five (5) nonvoting adult members, ten (10) voting youth members and a nonvoting Council Member appointed by the City Council. Each Council Member shall appoint one (1) adult Commission Member whose term shall run concurrently with that of the Council Member so appointing. The youth members shall be interviewed by two (2) adult members of the Commission. Each youth member shall be submitted for acceptance by the City Council and shall serve for a two (2) year term commencing on June 1st and ending on May 31st.

B. If the office of a member of the Commission appointed by a Council Member becomes vacant, the appointing Council Member shall fill the vacancy by appointing a Commission member whose term shall run concurrent with that of the appointing Council Member. If the office of a youth member becomes vacant, the City Council may appoint a youth to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

C. The members of the Commission serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed from office by the vote of a majority of the members of the City Council. No public hearing need be held prior to removal; however, a member shall only be removed for good cause, as determined by the City Council.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.060 Election of officers.

At the first regular meeting of the Commission in August, or as soon thereafter as feasible, the members shall elect a youth member as chair and a youth member as vice chair, and fill such other offices as are specified in the Commission by-laws. In the absence or disability of the chair and vice chair, the Commission shall designate a temporary chair.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.070 Rules and regulations.

The Commission may adopt and amend, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its youth members, rules and regulations for the conduct of the Commission's business consistent with this chapter. Such rules and regulations shall be submitted to the City Council and shall not become effective until approved by the City Council.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.080 Meetings.

A. The Commission shall endeavor to hold meetings at least once a month. All its meetings shall be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and shall be open to the public except as provided by law. Special meetings may be called by the chair or a majority of the Commission.

B. A quorum shall be a majority of the youth members. No action of the Commission shall be valid without the affirmative vote of at least majority of the youth members.

C. All meetings of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with Rosenberg's Rules of Order, unless the particular rule or matter is otherwise provided for by City ordinance or the Commission's rules and regulations.

D. A permanent change in the date and time of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission shall be submitted to the City Council for approval.

E. The Commission shall keep a record, which shall be available for public inspection, of all of its proceedings, and other actions.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.090 Absences.

In the event a member has a total of three (3) absences per year from regular meetings of the Commission, that member shall automatically be removed from the Commission without action of the City Council.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)

2.85.100 Annual report.

A. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the City Council no later than May 31st of each year. The annual report shall provide a summary of the work or activities undertaken by the Commission during the prior year, work or activities planned for the upcoming year, and may include recommendation.

B. Attendance records of members shall be included as part of the annual report.

(Ord. 2014-03, Amended, 12/02/14; Ord. 2011-10, Added, 08/03/2011)