

ORDINANCE NO. 20-06-18-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 33 "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS" OF TITLE III "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CORINTH BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS 33.80 THROUGH 33.89 TO CREATE A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CORINTH; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING AMENDMENTS TO DEFINE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Corinth is a home-rule municipality acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10.01, Article X, Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Home Rule Charter of the City, the Council is authorized to establish such boards, commissions, and committees as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the City, and in doing so, the Council shall prescribe the purpose, composition, functions, duties, accountability, and tenure of each Board, commission and committee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corinth recognizes the need of its young residents to be a valuable resource for public input and participation in the determination of City policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Corinth recognizes a Youth Advisory Committee established to serve as an advisory body to the City Council will empower youth, will create opportunities for their input into community projects, and provide a vehicle by which youth become involved in a process which enables them to have an influence in issues they care about; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it appropriate to amend Chapter 33, to adopt Sections 33.80 through Section 33.89 establishing the Corinth Youth Advisory Council and prescribing the purpose, composition, functions, duties, accountability, and tenure of the Board and its members as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the provisions set forth herein support its goal of engaging the next generation of civic leaders and should, therefore, be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORINTH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

INCORPORATION OF PREMISES

The above and foregoing recitals are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 2.
AMENDMENTS

That Chapter 33 "Boards, Commissions and Departments" of Title III "Administration" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Corinth, Texas is hereby amended to adopt a new Section entitled "Youth Advisory Council" to add new Sections 33.80 through 33.89 which shall be and read as follows:

"YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL"

§ 33.80 CREATION AND PURPOSE.

(A) There is hereby created and established a youth advisory council (YAC) to be composed of fifteen (15) regular members. Such Council shall be officially designated as the youth advisory council of the City of Corinth, Texas.

(B) The YAC shall study, investigate, plan, implement, and advise the city of matters related to youth. The YAC will learn from city staff on the various aspects of city government. Specifically, the YAC is assigned with identifying areas for improvement related to youth, including developing programs and services that empower, support, and inform youth; that creates a family-friendly community, and that enables and encourages youth to be productive members of the community. The YAC shall serve as an advisory body to the city on all matters that relate to youth.

§ 33.81 RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES.

(A) The YAC shall have all the powers granted herein and shall perform all duties as provided herein.

(B) The YAC shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and for defining in detail the responsibilities of its members, officers, and committees.

(C) The YAC shall work with the city council and city staff to develop and implement policies that focus on youth.

(D) The YAC shall advise the city council and city staff on important issues that relate to youth.

(E) The YAC shall facilitate the planning and organization of community events and meetings related to youth.

(F) The YAC shall build partnerships with individuals, groups, and organizations that impact both youth and families.

(G) The YAC shall partner with individuals, groups, and organizations in the planning and implementation of services, supports, and opportunities that impact both youth and families.

(H) The YAC shall carry out and implement other directives from the mayor, city council, and city staff.

§ 33.82 MEMBERSHIP.

(A) The YAC shall consist of fifteen (15) voting members, who broadly represent the diversity of thought of Corinth. The fifteen (15) voting members shall be between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18). These members shall meet at least one (1) of the following qualifications:

- (1) Reside within the corporate boundaries of the City of Corinth: or
- (2) Attend a state-recognized school or homeschool within the corporate limits of the City of Corinth.

(B) The following may be ex-officio, non-voting members of the YAC: One (1) city staff member appointed by the city manager to serve as a staff liaison to the YAC.

§ 33.83 APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

(A) Any interested individual who meets the qualifications set in section 33.82 may indicate interest in serving on the YAC by submitting the following information to the city staff liaison in city hall:

- (1) *Completed application.* Applications will be available at city hall and on the city website. Applications will also be distributed to the appropriate offices at all schools.
- (2) Applicants for initial appointment must submit one (1) letters of reference. This is not necessary for applicants who wish to be reappointed.
- (3) Applicants for initial appointment must submit a short essay describing the applicant's reasons for wanting to serve on the YAC. This is not necessary for applicants wishing to be reappointed.

(B) The staff liaison of the YAC will initially review all applications. Selected applications will be given to the city manager, or designee for review. City staff will make appointments.

§ 33.84 TERMS OF OFFICE.

(A) All terms of office for all YAC members shall be one (1) year and will begin on August 1 and end May 31, with the option of applying for reappointment until the student has graduated from high school. Reappointments will be based on past participation in and commitment to YAC activities.

(B) The terms of ex-officio representatives shall be as follows: (1) The city staff member acting as liaison shall remain in that position for the duration of their employment with the city or until removed or replaced by the City Manager.

§ 33.85 PROCEDURAL RULES AND OPERATION.

(A) At the first meeting after being sworn into office, the YAC shall elect officers to serve one (1) year terms. All are eligible for reelection to office during any subsequent reappointment to the YAC. Officers shall consist of the following:

- (1) Chair: The person elected by the members of the YAC, who is responsible for running meetings, assisting in the development of agenda items, and helping all officers with their duties.
- (2) Vice-chair: The person elected by the members of the YAC, who is responsible for running meetings when the Chair is not present and helping all officers with their duties.
- (3) Secretary: The person elected by the members of the YAC, who is responsible for taking minutes

and making sure the YAC city staff liaison has the updated minutes.

(4) Historian: The person elected by the members of the YAC, who is responsible for keeping track of the history of the YAC, including event documentation, photography, and website content submittal.

(B) The YAC shall adopt such rules and regulations governing procedures (bylaws), and will ensure that they are maintained.

(C) The YAC shall meet once each month at a regularly established time and date. All meetings of the YAC shall be conducted consistent with the City of Corinth Charter and the City of Corinth Municipal Code. Committees of the YAC may meet at any time.

(D) A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of members.

(E) All YAC meetings and records shall be public subject to applicable state law.

§ 33.86 ABSENCES.

Any member who is unable to attend a meeting shall notify the staff liaison in advance of the meeting, stating the reason for his or her absence. YAC members are permitted three (3) unexcused absences from regular meetings. Excessive absences will cause a member's appointment to be reviewed by the YAC officers and ex-officio staff, with a potential presentation to the city manager, or designee for action to remove.

§ 33.87 REMOVAL.

Members of the YAC, other than the ex-officio representatives, may be removed by the city manager, or designee for inefficiency, excessive absence, or other neglect of duty.

§ 33.88 VACANCIES.

Vacancies occurring on the YAC, other than through the expiration of a term, shall be filled by appointment by city staff. The original applicant pool for that year's YAC should be the first source for such a replacement; otherwise, new applicants may be recruited.

§ 33.89 FUNDING.

All revenues derived from fundraising or other means associated with the YAC, which are under the direct control of the city, shall be maintained by the city and deposited to the appropriate fund for utilization in support of YAC related activities to the extent of citywide needs as determined by the city council during the annual budgeting of funds for all city departments.

SECTION 3. **SEVERABILITY**

It is hereby declared by the City Council of the City of Corinth that if any of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, words, or provisions of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such event shall not affect any remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, words, or provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4.
CUMULATIVE REPEALER

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of all existing ordinances and resolutions and of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Corinth, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such existing ordinances, resolutions, and code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5.
EFFECTIVE DATE

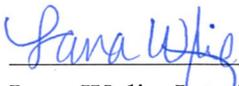
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval in accordance with state law and City Charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of June 2020.



Bill Heidemann, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lana Wylie, Interim City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Patricia A. Adams, City Attorney