

ORDINANCE NO. 1449

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE III, ENTITLED “BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS”, TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH MIAMI YOUTH COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the youth in the City of North Miami (“City”) have particular insight and opinions on the issues affecting youth and the teen population, especially City programs relating to youth and teens; and

WHEREAS, having input from young people will be a helpful complement to the decision-making process of the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, creation of the North Miami Youth Council will serve the added purpose of exposing youth to city government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami have determined that the proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Article III of the Code of Ordinances is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1. Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled “Administration”, Article III, entitled “Boards, Committees, Commissions,” is amended as follows:

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION

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ARTICLE III. BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

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DIVISION 11. NORTH MIAMI YOUTH COUNCIL

Sec. 2-255. Creation of the North Miami Youth Council; purpose.

There is hereby created the North Miami Youth Council, which is an advisory board to the North Miami Mayor and City Council. The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide the youth of North Miami with a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the process of City of North Miami government, represent and articulate the needs of youth in the City, and advise the Mayor and City Council on matters affecting the youth and teen population, especially City programs relating to youth and teens.

Sec. 2-256. Duties and Responsibilities.

The Youth Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Foster increased youth involvement in the affairs of City government;
- (2) Study problems and hold forums on issues, activities and concerns of youth in the City;
- (3) Comment upon existing or proposed legislation, ordinances, resolutions and policies that impact the youth in North Miami;
- (4) Present methods to resolve youth-related conflicts between youth and between youth and adults;
- (5) Recommend the implementation of community programs to improve the lives of youth;
- (6) Monitor programs and policies that affect youth to ensure that they are achieving the intended results;
- (7) Work with other youth organizations in the City to collaborate on shared issues and interests;
- (8) Submit to the Mayor and City Council an annual report of the activities of the Youth Council prior to the end of the school year;
- (9) Utilize social networking sites and/or technology to engage and inform the youth of their community of important City activities;
- (10) Participate in a workshop that will introduce the Youth Council members to a City Council Agenda process, a mock city council meeting, and the role of the officials who appoint them.

Sec. 2-257. Composition; Qualifications; Appointment; Terms.

- (1) The Youth Council shall be composed of thirteen (13) youth who will serve as voting members of the Youth Council.
- (2) Each City Councilmember shall appoint two (2) members of the Youth Council. Appointees shall reside in the City of North Miami and be students in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. To be qualified for appointment, such student shall demonstrate a sincere interest and the motivation to work for the community and have a background in community-based activities.

- (3) Each member of the City Council shall receive the names of high school students from public, private and parochial high school students in his or her district. Such high schools shall be requested to forward the names and resumes of interested students for appointment to the Youth Council. The Councilmember shall interview the nominated student and forward the name and the resume of the students appointed to the Youth Council to the City Manager's Office.
- (4) The City Manager, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney shall each select a Miami-Dade Public School System student to be a non-voting member of the Youth Council. The Youth Council member selected by each official shall meet the qualifications set forth in subparagraph 2 above. Each of these officials shall receive the names of high school students from the Miami-Dade County School Board. Each official or his or her designee shall interview the nominated student and forward the name and the resume of the student appointed to the Youth Council to the City Manager's Office. These nonvoting members of the Youth Council shall be exposed to and given the opportunity to learn the role of the official who appointed them as non-voting members of the Youth Council.
- (5) The term of office for each member shall be one (1) year. Members may be appointed for a subsequent one (1) year term; provided, that no member shall serve more than two (2) years as a member of the Youth Council.
- (6) The Youth Council members shall annually elect a voting member as chairperson and other officers it deems necessary from its voting membership.
- (7) The Youth Council shall adopt its own rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities, subject to the approval of the City Manager or his or her designee.
- (8) The City Manager shall designate staff support sufficient to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and provide facilities for meetings and other activities, as necessary.

Sec. 2-258. Meetings.

The Youth Council, which is subject to the Government in the Sunshine and Public Records requirements, shall meet regularly on the third Tuesday of each month. A majority of the voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A vote of the majority of the voting members present constituting quorum shall be required to constitute action taken by the Youth Council.

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Section 2. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

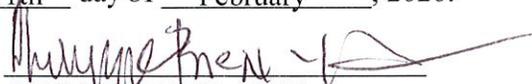
Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Codification. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of North Miami and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Miami, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, on first reading this 28th day of January, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, on second reading this 11th day of February, 2020.


PHILLIPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIME-IRVIN

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)

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