

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Office of the Mayor
For reading: October 27, 2015

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2015- 119**

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AMENDING**
2 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.60.275 TO AFFIRMATIVELY**
3 **CONTINUE AND REENACT THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.**
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6 **WHEREAS,** The Municipality of Anchorage wishes to formally recognize the value
7 of youth representation in civic matters; and
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9 **WHEREAS,** The MOA had a Youth Advisory Commission until October 2012; and
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11 **WHEREAS,** The MOA desires to include youth in the decisions that affect their
12 lives; and
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14 **WHEREAS,** A Youth Advisory Commission brings economic and social benefits to
15 our community;
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17 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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19 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 4.60.275 is hereby amended to
20 read as follows:
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22 **4.60.275 Youth advisory commission.**
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24 A. There is established a youth advisory commission consisting of
25 fifteen [NINE] members between 14 and 22 years of age whose
26 terms shall commence October 14 [JULY 1 AND END MIDNIGHT
27 JUNE 30], except as to members appointed to fill an unexpired term.
28 This commission will advise the mayor and assembly on issues,
29 services and programs [RELATED TO YOUTH]. The special
30 assistant on Youth Development [COMMUNITY RELATIONS], or a
31 designee selected by the mayor shall act as executive secretary for
32 the commission. Members will be appointed by the mayor, subject to
33 approval by the assembly. [THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE
34 FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:]

35 B. The youth advisory commission shall have the following powers and
36 duties:

- 37 1. Advise the mayor and assembly on issues, services and
38 programs from the youth perspective [RELATED TO THE
39 YOUTHS] in our community.
40 2. Assist and advise the administration and assembly in
41 developing plans for the establishment of programs and
42 services where none now exist.

- 1 3. Assist in coordinating youth services and programs.
- 2 4. Assist and advise the mayor and assembly on existing
- 3 services and programs for youth.
- 4 5. Conduct educational and public relations programs designed
- 5 to create public awareness of the needs of youth and the
- 6 services which youth can provide to the community.
- 7 6. Conduct surveys and compile and disseminate information
- 8 concerning housing, health, nutrition, transportation,
- 9 education, recreation, legal services, and social and mental
- 10 health services available or not available to youth.
- 11 7. At their own initiative, or in response from the mayor or
- 12 assembly, make recommendations to the mayor and
- 13 assembly regarding policies, practices and legislation from the
- 14 youth perspective [WHICH AFFECT THE YOUTH OF OUR
- 15 COMMUNITY].
- 16 8. The commission shall select 3 adult community members to
- 17 serve as its advisory board. Members will be appointed by the
- 18 youth commission, subject to approval by the mayor.
- 19 C. This commission shall terminate on October 14, 2018 [2012], unless
- 20 affirmatively continued by the Assembly in accordance with section
- 21 4.05.150.

22 (AO No. 95-64, § 1, 3-7-95; AO No. 95-132, § 1, 6-6-95; AO No. 96-64, § 1,

23 4-23-96; AO No. 98-26, § 1, expires 3-7-2001; AO No. 2001-61, § 1, 3-27-

24 01; AO No. 2004-69, § 1, 4-13-04; AO No. 2004-96, § 1, 6-8-04; AO No.

25 2005-80, § 2, 9-27-05; AO No. 2011-64(S-1), § 5, 6-28-11)

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27 **Section 2.** With this reenactment of the Youth Advisory Commission, the mayor

28 shall appoint members as an initial commission, with terms staggered at 1-year, 2-

29 year and 3-year terms so a pro rata number of its members shall be appointed

30 annually hereafter, in accordance with AMC section 4.05.040.

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33 **Section 3.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and

34 approval by the Assembly.

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37 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day

38 of _____, 2015

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42 Chair of the Assembly

43 ATTEST:

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45 Municipal Clerk