

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AMENDING
ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.60.275 TO AFFIRMATIVELY
CONTINUE AND REENACT THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, The Municipality of Anchorage wishes to formally recognize the value of youth representation in civic matters; and

WHEREAS, The MOA had a Youth Advisory Commission until October 2012; and

WHEREAS, The MOA desires to include youth in the decisions that affect their lives; and

WHEREAS, A Youth Advisory Commission brings economic and social benefits to our community;

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 4.60.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.60.275 Youth advisory commission.

- A. There is established a youth advisory commission consisting of fifteen [NINE] members between 14 and 22 years of age whose terms shall commence October 14 [JULY 1 AND END MIDNIGHT JUNE 30], except as to members appointed to fill an unexpired term. This commission will advise the mayor and assembly on issues, services and programs [RELATED TO YOUTH]. The special assistant on Youth Development [COMMUNITY RELATIONS], or a designee selected by the mayor shall act as executive secretary for the commission. Members will be appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the assembly. [THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:]
- B. The youth advisory commission shall have the following powers and duties:
1. Advise the mayor and assembly on issues, services and programs from the youth perspective [RELATED TO THE YOUTHS] in our community.
 2. Assist and advise the administration and assembly in developing plans for the establishment of programs and services where none now exist.

3. Assist in coordinating youth services and programs.
4. Assist and advise the mayor and assembly on existing services and programs for youth.
5. Conduct educational and public relations programs designed to create public awareness of the needs of youth and the services which youth can provide to the community.
6. Conduct surveys and compile and disseminate information concerning housing, health, nutrition, transportation, education, recreation, legal services, and social and mental health services available or not available to youth.
7. At their own initiative, or in response from the mayor or assembly, make recommendations to the mayor and assembly regarding policies, practices and legislation from the youth perspective [WHICH AFFECT THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY].
8. The commission shall select 3 adult community members to serve as its advisory board. Members will be appointed by the youth commission, subject to approval by the mayor.

C. This commission shall terminate on October 14, 2018 [2012], unless affirmatively continued by the Assembly in accordance with section 4.05.150.

(AO No. 95-64, § 1, 3-7-95; AO No. 95-132, § 1, 6-6-95; AO No. 96-64, § 1, 4-23-96; AO No. 98-26, § 1, expires 3-7-2001; AO No. 2001-61, § 1, 3-27-01; AO No. 2004-69, § 1, 4-13-04; AO No. 2004-96, § 1, 6-8-04; AO No. 2005-80, § 2, 9-27-05; AO No. 2011-64(S-1), § 5, 6-28-11)

Section 2. With this reenactment of the Youth Advisory Commission, the mayor shall appoint members as an initial commission, with terms staggered at 1-year, 2-year and 3-year terms so a pro rata number of its members shall be appointed annually hereafter, in accordance with AMC section 4.05.040.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
of _____, 2015

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk