

CITY OF ALAMEDA ORDINANCE NO. _____

New Series

AMENDING THE ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING
SECTION 2-14 (YOUTH COUNCIL) TO ARTICLE II (BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS) OF CHAPTER II (ADMINISTRATION),
ESTABLISHING A YOUTH COUNCIL AND PRESCRIBING
MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF SAID COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City values the views and perspective of its young people regarding municipal services, community needs, and Alameda's future; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to foster a commitment among its youth to civic involvement, and do more to engage Alameda's youth in activities, events, and key decisions being made; and

WHEREAS, an advisory body consisting of young people would promote these objectives and offer Alameda's youth a role in shaping our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Alameda that:

Section 1. The Alameda Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding new Section 2-14, 2-14.1-2.14-5, inclusive, (Youth Council) of Article II (Boards and Commissions) of Chapter (Administration) to read as follows:

2-14 YOUTH COUNCIL.

2-14.1 Council Created; Purpose

There is hereby created a commission which shall be known as the Youth Council of the City of Alameda whose purpose shall be to provide City policymakers with the unique perspective of the community's youth on municipal issues and matters of concern to young people, to provide a forum for discussion regarding how the City can better serve its youth, expand the City's outreach to young people across the City, and encourage the participation of youth in local government.

2-14.2 Membership; Appointment; Removal

- a) The Youth Council shall consist of thirteen regular members and include at least one representative from each of the following: Alameda High School, Encinal High School, a high school that is not Alameda or Encinal, a middle school, and the College of Alameda.
- b) The thirteen regular members shall, upon nomination by the Mayor, be appointed by the City Council. The term of such members shall be for one year, from June 1 to May 31, with the encouragement to apply for a second year. A vacancy in the office of any member shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment in the manner set forth above.

- c) Any member may be removed by the affirmative vote of three members of the City Council.

2-14.3 Qualifications

All members of the Commission shall, at the time of their appointment and continuously during their incumbency, be residents of, or attend a school within the City, and be at least the age of 12 at the time of assuming office and no older than 26 during the term of office.

2-14.4 Duties of Commission

The Commission shall have the power and it shall be its duty to:

- a) Advise the City Council and other City Boards and Commissions on City matters, including but not limited to all matters pertaining to the programs, activities, facilities, and services of interest or concern to Alameda's youth.
- b) Adopt rules for the proper conduct of its affairs, including scheduling Youth Council meetings once a month in all months, with a break in May, October, and December, which are typically the most challenging months of the school year.
- c) Hold regular meetings for the transaction of its business nine times a year on a schedule provided for in its rules, and special meetings at such other times as appropriate.
- d) Prepare a report annually on the Commission's analysis of how well the City of Alameda is meeting the needs of its youth and what can be done by the City to better serve the interests of youth.
- e) Select from its regular membership a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, who shall serve in such office for a term of one year commencing June 1, and until their successors are selected and qualified.
- f) The Public Information Officer shall serve as Secretary to the Commission.

2-14.5 Meetings; Officers; Voting.

- a) The Council shall meet as necessary to perform the duties outlined in subsection 2-14.4. The Council shall have the power to establish rules for its proceedings and select from its membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.
- b) The votes of a majority of the entire membership of the Commission shall be necessary to take any action thereof.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the expiration of thirty days from the date of its final passage.

Presiding Officer of the City Council

Attest:

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the _____ day of _____ 2021 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

Approved as to Form:

Yibin Shen, City Attorney
City of Alameda