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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2017-51(S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.60.275 TO PROVIDE FOR A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY.

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2 **WHEREAS, for purposes of youth engagement and education in civics the**
3 **Assembly desires to create a seat for a Youth Representative to the**
4 **Anchorage Assembly that will actively participate in the legislative branch of**
5 **municipal government; and**
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7 **WHEREAS, youth interested in serving on the Assembly are encouraged to**
8 **attend assembly meetings before and after appointment to the seat created**
9 **by this ordinance; now, therefore**

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11 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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13 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 4.60.275 is hereby amended to
14 read as follows (*language indicating no amendment is included for context only*):

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16 **4.60.275 - Youth advisory commission; youth representative to the**
17 **assembly.**
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19 A. There is established a youth advisory commission consisting of 15
20 members between 14 and 22 years of age whose terms shall
21 commence October 14, except as to members appointed to fill an
22 unexpired term. This commission will advise the mayor and
23 assembly on issues, services and programs. The special assistant
24 on Youth Development, or a designee selected by the mayor shall
25 act as executive secretary for the commission. Members will be
26 appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the assembly.
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28 B. The youth advisory commission shall have the following powers and
29 duties:

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31 1. Advise the mayor and assembly on issues, services and
32 programs from the youth perspective in our community.
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34 2. Assist and advise the administration and assembly in
35 developing plans for the establishment of programs and
36 services where none now exist.
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38 3. Assist in coordinating youth services and programs.

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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.
 8. The commission shall select three adult community members to serve as its advisory board. Members will be appointed by the youth commission, subject to approval by the mayor.
 9. **There is established a Youth Representative to the Anchorage Assembly seat for one person. The commission shall nominate individual youths for appointment [by majority vote of the Anchorage Assembly to serve] as the Youth Representative to the Anchorage Assembly. The youth representative shall be appointed for a certain term by the chair of the assembly and confirmed by the assembly.**
 - a. The Youth Representative to the Anchorage Assembly
 - i. shall be seated with the Anchorage Assembly during regular and special meetings ; [and]
 - ii. may be recognized for comment by the presiding officer of the Assembly and participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues;
 - iii. shall receive all materials presented to assembly members for regular and special meetings of the body except materials confidential or related to executive sessions; [For purposes of youth engagement and education in civics, the Youth Representative]

1 iv. may indicate a “yes” or “no” preferential vote
2 prior to the official vote on matters coming
3 before the Anchorage Assembly except those
4 subject to executive session discussion ; the
5 Youth Representative vote shall not be counted
6 in the vote totals by the municipal clerk but
7 may be recorded; and

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9 v. [Youth Representative attendance] shall not
10 be counted in determining a quorum of the
11 Anchorage Assembly.

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13 b. At the time of appointment, the Youth Representative
14 shall be at least 16 and not more than 19 years of
15 age. Service as the Youth Representative is voluntary,
16 without compensation.

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18 c. The youth advisory commission shall determine
19 the term of appointment at the time of sending
20 nominations to the chair, with a minimum term of
21 three months and a maximum of six months. No
22 appointee may serve more than a total of one year.
23 The youth representative shall not hold or run for
24 public elected office during the term of
25 appointment. The code of ethics, chapter 1.15,
26 shall apply to the youth representative. [The term
27 of appointment is 3 months, and the term limit is
28 three consecutive terms.]

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30 d. The youth representative seat becomes vacant in
31 the same manner as the office of an elected official
32 becomes vacant as provided in section 7,01(a) of
33 the Charter. Removal may be based on the same
34 grounds as removal of an elected official set forth
35 in section 2.70.030A. The procedure is by a motion
36 for removal approved by a majority vote of the
37 Assembly. The youth representative seat
38 automatically becomes vacant without further
39 action necessary if the person

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41 i. is absent from three regular meetings
42 without excuse,

43 ii. is absent from six regular meetings, or

44 iii. fails to attend two-thirds of the regular
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C. This commission shall terminate on October 14, 2018, 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; AO No. 2015-119, § 1, 11-10-15)

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk