



Brighton Youth Commission Ordinance Update

City Council Meeting - June 7, 2022

City Staff Representatives:

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Brighton Youth Commission members¹



The City of Brighton's Office of Youth Services delivers programming and initiatives in alliance with the following Strategic Focus Areas:

- Safe, Active, and Engaged Community
- Strong Regional Relationships and Partnerships
- Strong Local Employment Opportunities





Brighton Youth Commission

The Brighton Youth Commission is a body of 22 youth and six adults who are appointed by Mayor and approved by City Council to study, investigate and implement projects on matters impacting youth in the city.

- Established in 2005
- Ordinance 2099 states: the Brighton Youth Commission shall consist of:
 - 20 commission members
 - 2 alternate members
 - 1 City Council member
 - 1 27J Schools Board Member or Employee
 - 4 At-large Citizen Representatives (adults)
 - 1 Non-Voting Ex-Officio Staff Member





Brighton Youth Commission

Purpose:

The Brighton Youth Commission has been created to study, investigate, plan implement and advise the City Council on matters related to youth. In particular, the Commission is charged with developing and promulgating policies, programs and services that empower, support and inform youth; that create a family friendly community, and that enable and encourage youth to be productive members of the community. The Commission shall serve as an advisory body to the City Council on all matters dealing with youth.

Brighton Youth Commission programs include:

- Youth on City Boards
- SPEAK Week
- Development Opportunities
- Youth Corps of Volunteers





Growth

- Since the ordinance was created, Brighton has grown in population by about 50 percent
- In 2005, there were 11 middle and high schools in the School District 27J boundaries
- The district's total enrollment was 10,450
- In 2022, there are 17 middle and high schools
- The district's total enrollment is 20,338



Recommended Updates

- The Brighton Youth Commission shall consist of voting members, the maximum number as determined in Youth Commission policies

Sec. 2-25-40(1). - Membership

(b) Persons who reside within the City or within 27J School District boundaries, including those who may be home-schooled, may have completed secondary education, or are no longer attending school.

(c) Persons who may have significant ties with the City, such as but not limited to, attending secondary schools within the City, working at a business located within the City, or other evidence of substantial and significant ties to the City.



Recommended Updates

Sec. 2-25-50. - Terms of office.

The terms of office of the Commission members shall be as follows:

- (1) The terms for all youth and at-large Commissioners shall be two (2) years.
- (2) Commissioners may be eligible for reappointment.



Recommended Updates

Sec. 2-25-70. - Organization and Policies.

(d) Absences and vacancies shall be addressed in policy or procedures, include removal due to absences. Any removal pursuant to the policies and procedures shall be reported to the City Clerk.

(e) Ten (10) of the Youth Commission members may be appointed to other City boards and commissions.



Options for Council Consideration

- Approve the Ordinance presented
- Amend the Ordinance
- Deny the Ordinance
- Take no action



Questions?