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Brighton Youth Commission Ordinance Update

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Brighton Youth Commission members

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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



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Youth, Education & Families Master Plan

- The idea of creating a master plan began in 2004
- The plan was created utilizing the National League of Cities Platform for Youth, Education and Families
- Out of the plan, came an ordinance that created the Brighton Youth Commission

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Office of Youth Services

The Office of Youth Services works to create community partnerships in order to provide programming and initiatives to young people and the community. Key initiatives of the office include:



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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



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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



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Brighton Youth Commission at the state and national level

The Brighton Youth Commission have been leaders at the state and national level through:

- National League of Cities
 - Council on Youth, Education and Families
 - Youth Track Planning Committee
- Colorado Municipal League
- DRCOG Advisory Panel
- Colorado Young Innovators Alliance
- CDPHE & Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center's Shared Risk & Protective Factors Conference
- Youth Celebrate Diversity Colorado
- The Colorado Health Symposium
- Colorado Youth Advisory Council




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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

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Recommended Updates

- Increase the BYC to up to 46 voting members

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.

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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.

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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.

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Questions?