

ORDINANCE 3045

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 51 OF
THE OFFICIAL CODES OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS
ESTABLISHING A YOUTH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Great Falls has the authority to create a council pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Great Falls believes that citizen participation is necessary and important in the process of governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls promotes young people utilizing their skills and leadership to collaborate with City leaders and organizations throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls would realize a direct benefit from the formation of a Youth Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

Section 1: That there is hereby enacted the creation of a Youth Council as set forth in Title 2, Chapter 51, Sections 010 thru 070 of the Official Codes of the City of Great Falls. The full text and provisions of which are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and, by this reference, made a part hereof.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on first reading August 4, 2009.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on second reading September 1, 2009.

Dona R. Stebbins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Chad Parker, Acting City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade : ss
City of Great Falls)

I, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that I did post, as required by law and as prescribed and directed by the City Commission, Ordinance 3045 in three places within the limits of said City to-wit:

On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Civic Center Building
On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Cascade County Court House
On the Bulletin Board, Great Falls Public Library

(Seal of the City)

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

Ordinance 3045 – Exhibit A
Chapter 51
YOUTH COUNCIL

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2.51.010 Establishment

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the Charter for the City of Great Falls, a Youth Council is hereby established.

2.51.020 Purpose

The Great Falls Youth Council is dedicated to making the voice of the Great Falls Youth heard. Goals include bettering the community as a whole, making Great Falls safer and more enjoyable, and providing chances for youth to express themselves, become familiar with City government, and showcase their contributions. By inspiring youth and adults through their maturity, patience, open-mindedness and respect, the members of the Great Falls Youth Council will be leaders to unite the youth of the community.

2.51.030 Membership/Appointment/Terms

- A. The age range for membership in the Youth Council is 14 to 19 years of age. If a member turns 20 during an appointment to the Youth Council, the member will be allowed to complete the year with the Council.
- B. The limit on voting members is 30.
- C. Annual elections will be held in December with no limits on term appointments.
- D. Officers must attend 75% of scheduled meetings to retain voting privileges, with the exception of personal emergencies.
- E. Volunteer positions for those interested in the Youth Council after the 30 voting positions have been filled are open to all 14 to 19 year old interested parties, with the purpose of assistance in special projects.
- F. Applications to the Youth Council will be reviewed by the Officers. Applications will first go through the Neighborhood Council Coordinator for removal of personal identification information for an impartial assessment.

2.51.040 Duties and Powers

- The Youth Council will be composed of 30 voting members, with six Officers managing six key areas of the Youth Council. These six positions are as follows:

Minister of Finance (Treasurer)

- Tracks cash deposits and withdrawals
- Announces balance at each meeting
- Budgets projects in cooperation with the Neighborhood Council Coordinator

Knight or Lady of Internal Activities (Youth Council Social Coordinator)

- Organizes internal Youth Council Social Events
- Reserves and makes payment to facilities

Earl or Countess of Records (Secretary)

- Archival of official documents related to Youth Council
- Takes minutes of scheduled Youth Council business meetings
- Maintains log of activities other than scheduled business meetings
- Cooperates with other members to produce business meeting agenda
- Documents attendance

Duke or Duchess of External Projects (Youth Council Community Projects Coordinator)

- Plans community and fundraising events in cooperation with other members
- Corresponds with appropriate facilities, directors, members of the community for projects

Grand Chairperson (Chair)

- Spokesperson for Youth Council to the media and other entities
- Calls meetings to order and presides over agenda

Duke or Duchess of Advertisement (Public Relations)

- Produces promotional material for public events
- Oversees maintenance and initial formation of website
- Produces announcements and recruitment material for new applicants

2.50.050 Organization

The Youth Council will be comprised of no more than 30 voting members, and six presiding officers. Interested youth other than the 30 voting members are invited to participate in special projects on a voluntary basis. The six board members will have no more power or voting privileges than the other 24 voting members but will serve as lead organizers on projects in which the entire Youth Council has input. The Youth Council, started by the Weed and Seed Initiative through the Community Development Office, will move to management under the Neighborhood Council Coordinator in the Community Development Office after the end of the Weed and Seed grant in 2010.

2.50.060 By-Laws

- A. The Youth Council shall adopt by-laws prescribing additional duties of the council, meeting criteria and times, and such other provisions as the council may deem appropriate.
- B. A copy of the by-laws shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

2.50.070 Open meetings and public records

- A. All meetings of the Youth Council shall be open to the public.
- B. All records maintained by the Youth Council shall be available for public inspection.