

ORDINANCE NO. 988

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – ESTABLISHING A MAYOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD DOES ORDAIN THAT:

The following new Division 5.-Mayor’s Youth Council, is hereby adopted and added to Northfield City Code, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article VI.– Boards and Commissions:

DIVISION 5. – MAYOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL

Sec. 2-375. – Establishment; purpose.

The City of Northfield hereby establishes a Mayor’s Youth Council (“MYC”) for the purposes of advising the City Council on perspectives and issues important to Northfield youth in order to ensure a youth voice in civic affairs, and working with community partners and other youth initiatives to help design and recommend to the City Council solutions and options to address opportunities and areas of concern in the Northfield community.

Sec. 2-376. – Membership.

- a) The MYC shall consist of eighteen (18) volunteer, voting members. Members shall be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the City Council. Members may be removed at the discretion of the Mayor and Council. .
- b) Qualifications to serve as a member of the MYC shall include the following:
 1. Members must be high school age students;
 2. Members must either be enrolled and attend high school within the Northfield Public School District, or live within the geographic boundaries of the City of Northfield and be enrolled and attend another high school; and
 3. Members must abide by and remain in compliance with applicable City Code, including the Code of Ethics, as well as those agreements pertaining to conduct and attendance signed by members annually.
- c) A Member’s term is for the period the member is enrolled in and attending high school until the appointed member graduates from high school, provided such member continues to meet the qualification of membership required in paragraph (b) above.

Sec. 2-377. – Organization and meetings.

- a) At the final meeting of the previous year, the MYC shall elect a chair or co-chairs, a secretary or co-secretaries, and directors for any established committees.
- b) The MYC shall hold at least one regular monthly meeting throughout the school year (August – May). Regular meetings of the MYC shall be prescribed by resolution, which resolution shall state the day, time and location of all regular meetings. The Chair and/or Co-Chairs may call special meetings of the MYC and must do so upon the request of seven MYC members or at

the request of the City Council. Notice of all meetings of the MYC shall be given in compliance with applicable law.

- c) For transaction of business at any meeting, ten voting members shall constitute a quorum. At least ten votes shall be required for the adoption of any resolution.
- d) The MYC shall adopt such bylaws as shall be necessary or desirable for the conduct of its business.

Sec. 2-378. – Responsibilities.

- a) The MYC shall be advisory to the City Council and its responsibilities shall include the following:
 - 1. Advise the City Council on perspectives and issues important to Northfield youth in order to ensure a youth voice in civic affairs.
 - 2. Work with community partners and other youth initiatives to help design and recommend to the City Council solutions and options to address opportunities and areas of concern in Northfield.
 - 3. Recommend to the City Council additional policy provisions and ordinances, as well as actions and programs that will maintain or improve support systems for the young people of Northfield.
 - 4. Work to keep Northfield youth informed on relevant local issues affecting youth.
 - 5. Report to the City Council on the activities and findings of the MYC at least annually.
 - 6. Promote public awareness and concern of local issues that are important to young people and the programs that support Northfield youth.
- b) The responsibilities of the MYC shall be exercised upon the request of the mayor, the City Council, or directly upon the initiative of the MYC. All formal recommendations, reports or resolutions of the MYC shall be directed to the City Council and filed with the City Clerk.

Secs. 2-379—2-390. - Reserved.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Northfield this ____ day of _____ 2017.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Published: _____

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ COLBY ___ DELONG ___ NAKASIAN
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