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198.01. Creation.

There is hereby created a committee to be known as the York City Youth Council Committee which shall consist of one and not more than two students from high schools selected by City Council. The members will be city residents who are actively enrolled in a public or private high school in grades 10 through 12.

198.02. Appointment; Term.

- a) Committee members must be in grades 10-12, should have a demonstrated interest in community service, must complete an application to participate in the program, and must be a city resident.
- b) The committee members shall be appointed by the City Council and shall serve a term of one year, unless grade 12 is completed during the term, at which time the position shall be declared vacant.
- c) The term of the members of the committee will begin in September of each year and expire in June of the year immediately following.

198.03. Election of Officers.

Elections for a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Heads shall be held at the first regular meeting of the committee after annual appointments are made by the City Council. The chairperson shall conduct meetings of the committee, and the vice- chair shall conduct meetings in the absence of the chair.

198.04. Vacancies.

Should a vacancy occur on the committee, said vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of a previous member creating such vacancy.

198.05. Meetings; Minutes.

- a) Committee members must meet at least once per month during the months of September through June, with the option to meet more often as needed or desired.
- b) Students must participate in monthly meetings with a member of York City Council (virtual or in-person).
- c) A committee representative must attend at least one City Council meetings per month during the months of September through June.
- d) Minutes of each committee meeting shall be kept by the secretary of the committee.

198.06. Absences from meetings.

Absences from three consecutive regular meetings of the city youth council committee shall cause a member to be removed from their seat, unless such absence is excused by a majority vote of the committee, with such excuse duly entered upon the minutes.

198.07. Duties and responsibilities.

The city youth council committee shall have the duty and responsibility to:

- a) Collaborate to design and implement one volunteer community project to take place during the program year (September-June) that addresses a local need and encourages civic engagement.
- b) Evaluate and review problems facing youth in the city.
- c) Facilitate neighborhood meetings with youth to discuss problems, needs, and suggested improvements for our community.
- d) Serve as youth representatives at town hall meetings or school board sessions.
- e) Campaign for causes important to young people in the community.
- f) Meet regularly with the City Council to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns, and suggested improvements.
- g) Attend City Council meetings and participate in vision and goal sessions.
- h) Present recommended improvements to the City Council of public projects and programs.
- i) Assist in planning youth/recreation activities.
- j) Evaluate and advise the City Council on issues forwarded to the committee for advice.