

**ORDINANCE 13-06-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA;  
ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING  
FOR A TITLE; PROVIDING FOR COMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS,  
PURPOSE AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niceville Council wishes to more actively engage and involve the youth of the community in the local government process; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Youth Advisory Council will serve as a catalyst for youth participation and promote community involvement by the youth of the community and will assist with promoting ideas and local government issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the City of Niceville, Florida:

**SECTION 1. CREATION.**

There is hereby created and established a Youth Advisory Council which shall be advisory to the City Council and will assist with promoting ideas and local government issues.

**SECTION 2. COMPOSITION.**

The Youth Advisory Council shall be composed of five (5) voting members and a general council of non-voting members. The general council shall not exceed fifteen (15) members. The voting members of the Council shall be appointed by the City Council. The general council members shall be appointed by the voting members of the Youth Advisory

Council. All voting and non-voting members of the Council must be enrolled in a public school, private school or a home education program within the City of Niceville in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

Appointment of voting members of the Council shall be for a period of one (1) year each, with the terms staggered. The initial appointment of voting members shall be for terms as follows: Terms shall be for one (1) year, or until the student transfers or graduates from high school. Members may re-apply every year provided they remain within the grade limits of the membership qualifications. In the event a resignation or vacancy occurs of a voting member of the Youth Council, the vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the City Council. The term of all voting members shall extend until the successors are appointed. Four (4) successive excused or unexcused absences from any meeting shall be in effect a resignation.

Appointment of general council members shall be for a period of one (1) year each and approved by a majority vote of the voting members of the Youth Advisory Council. Voting members of the Youth Advisory Council shall make decisions regarding appointment of general council members at the next available Council meeting following receipt of application for appointment. In the event a resignation or vacancy of a general council member occurs, that vacancy may or may not be filled at the discretion of the Youth Advisory Council.

Any voting or non-voting member of the Youth Advisory Council may be removed by a majority vote of the City Council.

**SECTION 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Voting members of the Council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its voting members, each of whom shall serve for one (1) year and/or until a successor is elected and qualified. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings and exercise all the usual rights, duties and prerogatives of chairperson. The vice chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the absence of disability of the chairperson. Vacancies of either shall be filled from the unexpired term by a new election.

**SECTION 4. MEETINGS.**

Meetings of the Youth Advisory Council shall be held at least quarterly or more frequently as determined by the Youth Advisory Council.

**SECTION 5. PURPOSE AND DUTIES.**

The purpose of the youth Advisory Council is to stimulate and foster the active participation of young individuals in the addressing of issues impacting the youth of the community to ensure leaders of tomorrow have input in the local government process today.

The Youth Advisory Council shall recommend to the City Council policies, procedures and philosophies and serve as advocates for issues and initiatives to positively impact the lives of youth. It shall facilitate community meetings with youth to discuss issues and suggestions for improvement, assist in planning and implementing various events to

benefit youth in the community and promote and recognize abilities, accomplishments and contributions of youth.

**SECTION 6. BY-LAWS**

The purpose, responsibilities and duties of the Youth Advisory Council shall be in accordance with the general application of the By-laws of the Niceville Youth Advisory Council, incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**SECTION 7. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

It is the declared intent of the Niceville City Council that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the remainder of this ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall continue to be valid.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.**

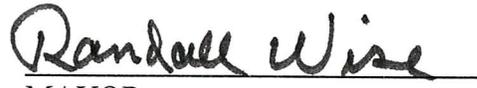
All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9. PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED** on first reading on the 9th day of April, 2013.

**PASSED** and **DULY ADOPTED**, in regular session, with a quorum present and voting, by the City Council, upon second and final reading this 11th day of June, 2013.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk