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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
CITY OF PERRY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Perry, Georgia desires to offer opportunities for high school-aged youth to learn more about local government and the City of Perry; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Perry Youth Advisory Council to provide valuable insight and experience relating to the operations of local government, the critical nature of local government service provision, and the role of local government in the lives of citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is also the intent of the City of Perry Youth Advisory Council to facilitate better communications with the youth in Perry while also encouraging their input on City initiatives and projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Perry Council that the following shall be the charter of the Perry Youth Advisory Council:

Section 1. Establishment of the City of Perry Youth Advisory Council

A City of Perry Youth Advisory Council will be established to provide the City's youth with the opportunity to participate in the City's decision-making process, develop projects and initiatives that will benefit the community, and to instill a sense of civic responsibility. The Youth Council members shall help represent the younger generations in Perry and will assist with developing and implementing City goals and initiatives, particularly those that relate to the City of Perry Strategic Plan.

The Youth Council should provide input and support to Mayor and Council and City staff relative to the following areas:

1. Educational and outreach activities focused on peer engagements and other stakeholder groups.
2. Development and implementation of initiatives designed to cultivate a current and future fondness for Perry and making it a lifelong place of choice.
3. Coordination with established programs and organizations in the community working to address the needs and concerns of the youth.
4. Identifying physical and perceived barriers to active participation in the community and informing possible remedies.
5. Providing input and recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the various plans currently utilized by the City e.g. Strategic Plan, Downtown Development Plan, Comprehensive Plan, etc.

Section 2. Membership Qualifications and Terms

The Youth Council shall consist of seven (7) members with two (2) members from each of the high schools that serve the Perry community (Perry High School, Veterans High School, and Westfield) and one (1) additional "at large" member. The "at large" member will represent the Perry



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homeschool community. If there are no applicants representing the homeschool community then the “at large” member will be selected from the whole of the applicant pool. Council members shall be currently enrolled in one of the aforementioned schools, or an active participant in homeschooling, and currently reside in the City of Perry. Youth Council members shall be selected based on the following criteria:

1. An interest in learning about local government and how it functions.
2. Be able to commit to serving at least one full term.
3. Be in good academic standing and free of any serious disciplinary infractions at their respective school.

Youth Council members will be selected on an annual basis for a one-year term coinciding with the calendar as established for the Houston County Board of Education. Members shall be recommended by City staff and appointed by Mayor and Council. Members are eligible to service multiple terms but must go through the selection process each year. There will be no compensation for Youth Council members.

Section 3. Officers

The Youth Council shall elect one member to serve as chair and to preside over its meetings and shall create and fill such offices and sub-committees as it may deem necessary. The term of the chair and other officers shall be one (1) year, with eligibility for re-election to succeeding terms.

Section 5. Meetings

The Youth Council shall meet regularly on a determined schedule. Special called meetings may occur more frequently. The Youth Council shall keep a record of its meetings, including attendance of its member, discussion topics, recommendations, and actions.

Section 6. Meeting Attendance

Any member of the Youth Council who misses more than one (1) meetings shall lose his or her status as a member of the Youth Council. Absence due to sickness, death, or other emergencies of like nature shall be recognized as excused absences and shall not affect the member’s status on the Council.

Section 7. Quorum and Voting

A quorum of the Youth Council shall consist of a simple majority. The vote of a simple majority of a quorum shall be necessary to take any official council action.

Section 8. Staff Liaison

The staff liaison for the Youth Council shall be designated by the City Manager and may consist of multiple persons as deemed necessary. The staff person(s) or a staff designee shall attend all Youth Council meetings.