

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-x

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10 TO ELIMINATE THE COVINGTON YOUTH COUNCIL ADULT LEADER POSITIONS.

WHEREAS, it is important and beneficial to all residents of the City of Covington (the “City”) to foster involvement of the community’s youth in the process of government and the ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, the Covington Youth Council (“Youth Council”) currently has two appointed adult leader positions

WHEREAS, the needs of the Youth Council have changed and the adult leader positions are no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council wishes to eliminate the adult leader positions; and

WHEREAS, City staff shall provide adult supervision and guidance to the Youth Council;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, resolves as follows:

Section 1. Repeal and Replace. Resolution No. 2023-10 is hereby repealed and replaced as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution, or its application to any person or situation, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution or its application to other persons or situation. The City Council of the City of Covington hereby declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clauses, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make any necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Section 4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Council of the City of Covington.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Covington this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Signed in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Jeff Wagner, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:

Krista Bates, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Orthmann, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

YOUTH COUNCIL

1. Covington Youth Council Established. The Covington City Council hereby establishes the Covington Youth Council, which shall be referred to as the “Youth Council.” The city manager shall designate appropriate city staff to advise and provide administrative assistance to the Youth Council members.

2. Purpose. The purpose of the Youth Council shall be as follows:

- 2.1 Involve youth in local government.
- 2.2 Increase volunteerism among youth in civic affairs.
- 2.3 Increase communication with youth in the Covington community.
- 2.4 Involve youth in planning youth activities for the Covington community.
- 2.5 Serve as an advisory body to the City Council on matters dealing with youth in the Covington community.

3. Youth Council Members. Voting members of the Youth Council shall be appointed and serve pursuant to the following:

3.1 Selection and Appointment. The city clerk’s office shall advertise notice of vacant positions so that any interested and qualified individual may submit an application. Applicants shall be interviewed by the City Council and the adult leaders. The City Council shall make the final decision on appointments.

3.2 Member Criteria. Youth Council members shall be between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) at the time of selection and reside or attend school within the City of Covington or a 3-mile radius of the City of Covington city limits.

3.3 Number of Members - Terms. The Covington Youth Council shall consist of a maximum of 15 members. Selected Youth Council members shall each serve until the last day of the month of the member’s graduation from high school. There is no limit on the number of terms a Youth Council member may apply for and be appointed to.

3.4 Removal. The City Council, by majority vote, may remove a member of the Youth Council at any time without reason. The City Council may take such action only upon the recommendation of all adult leaders.

4. Organization and Rules. The Youth Council shall recommend such rules for governing its procedures as it deems necessary or advisable to the City Council for approval and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which record shall be a public record. The Youth Council shall hold regular meetings at least once every two (2) months and, pursuant to Section 8.0 of the Covington City Council Policies and Procedures, shall comply with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30).