

**ORDINANCE NO. xxxx**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 2.30 OF THE COACHELLA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coachella (“City”) is a duly organized general law city and municipal corporation existing in the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council (“Council”) of the City sits as the governing body of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Coachella desires to create a Youth Advisory Commission by adding the Commission to the City’s Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, all the legal prerequisites relating to the adoption of the Ordinance have occurred.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2.30 of the Coachella Municipal Code is hereby added in its entirety to read as follows:

**Chapter 2.30 - YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

- 2.30.010 Powers and duties.**
- 2.30.020 Appointments.**
- 2.30.030 Vacancies**
- 2.30.040 Membership**
- 2.30.050 Election of officers.**
- 2.30.060 Meetings**

**2.30.010 Powers and Duties.**

There shall be a Youth Advisory Commission consisting of ten (10) members; the ten (10) members shall be youth enrolled in high school. Their duties shall include:

1. Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters involving young people in the City of Coachella.
2. Work to anticipate the educational, recreational and cultural needs of the city’s youth.
3. Work to insure the coordination of community resources in order to improve the quality of life for all its youth.

4. The City Council shall respect the responsibilities of the Commission and accordingly, will endeavor, in good faith, to refer matters pertaining to parks and recreation to the commission for advice and recommendations. Notwithstanding the forgoing, nothing in this code shall prohibit the City Council from acting on urgent or other matters without referring the same to the Commission.

**2.30.020 Appointments.**

All members of the Commission must live within the City of Coachella and be enrolled in high school. The term of a Commissioner is one year from August to June; mirroring the local school district's school year.

**2.30.030 Vacancies.**

In the event a member of the commission has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from meetings of the Commission, the City Council may declare the office of such member vacant. Vacancies, whether scheduled or unscheduled, shall be filled by the City Council.

**2.30.040 Membership.**

Membership on this Commission shall be as follows:

- A. The total membership of the Commission shall be made up of ten (10) youth members.
  - a. All youth members must live in the City of Coachella.
  - b. All youth members must be enrolled in high school.

**2.30.050 Election of Officers.**

At the first meeting of the Commission, and the members shall elect a chair, vice chair and secretary. In the absence or disability of the chair, vice chair and secretary, the Commission may designate a temporary chair.

**2.30.060 Meetings.**

1. The Commission shall meet once a month. All its meetings shall be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and shall be open to the public except as provided by law.
2. A quorum shall be a majority of the Commission. No action of the Commission shall be valid without the affirmative vote of at least six (6) members.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection,

subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase be declared unconstitutional.

If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be entered in the book of original ordinances of said City; shall make a minute passage and adoption thereof in the records of the meeting at which time the same is passed and adopted; and shall, within fifteen (15) days after the passage and adoption thereof, cause the same to be published as required by law, in a local newspaper of general circulation and which is hereby designated for that purpose.

SECTION 6. CEQA. The City Council finds that this Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Steven Hernandez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela M. Zepeda, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Carlos Campos, City Attorney