

RESOLUTION R2022-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, ESTABLISHING A SOUTH JORDAN YOUTH COUNCIL TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, INTERACTION WITH CITY STAFF, EXPOSURE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND PROVIDE AVENUES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

WHEREAS, many cities in the State of Utah have formed and established youth councils as a way to expand youth programming and to engage youth in civic activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Jordan provides many programs and activities that promote the strategic priorities of the City; and

WHEREAS, establishing a South Jordan Youth Council supports the Engaged Community strategic priority by providing opportunities for youth to participate in learning more about the local government structure and operation while providing opportunities for community service; and

WHEREAS, the South Jordan Youth Council program will provide an opportunity for the youth of South Jordan to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation; and

WHEREAS, the South Jordan Youth Council will prepare the youth of South Jordan for the future by teaching responsibility, leadership, hard work, service, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, the City Council fully supports the youth of the City in their endeavors of service and civic engagement and recognizes that they will be the future leaders in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Creation. The City Council hereby creates the South Jordan Youth Council.

SECTION 2. The South Jordan Youth Council is established as a program for youth who reside in the City of South Jordan in the 9th to 12th grades subject to the by-laws incorporated in “Exhibit A”.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH,
ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

| | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| Patrick Harris | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Bradley Marlor | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Donald Shelton | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Tamara Zander | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jason McGuire | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Mayor: _____
Dawn R. Ramsey

Attest: _____
City Recorder

Approved as to form:



Office of the City Attorney

“EXHIBIT A”

BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH JORDAN YOUTH COUNCIL

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The South Jordan Youth Council (“SJYC”) is established to help the City’s youth develop leadership skills, provide practical local government knowledge and experience, and promote service opportunities for young people to benefit the community.

The Youth Council shall operate in accordance as specified in these bylaws.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Establishment

SJYC comprises students who must:

1. Reside within the corporate limits of South Jordan City;
2. Be in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade for the entirety of the member’s service; and
3. Submit a complete application.

SJYC shall also include the following non-student members:

1. A Program Coordinator assigned by the City Manager, or his/her designee;
2. Other staff may be assigned on an as needed basis to support the goals of the program;
3. Volunteer Advisor(s) may be invited to participate on an as needed basis.

Section 2. SJYC Service Terms

Members serve for a one-year term, but may serve multiple terms. Each term begins in May and ends April 30th.

Section 3. Officers

SJYC shall have the following officer positions. Candidates are to be nominated and elected annually by then-current SJYC Members, in good standing, during the April meeting. Officer terms run from election date to the following election date.

1. Youth Mayor: The duties of the Youth Mayor shall include: presiding at all meetings of the SJYC, coordination of all projects and activities that involved the SJYC, preparation of agendas for regular meetings, notifications to officers to contact and inform members of meetings and activities, and overseeing the efforts of the other officers. Candidates for Youth Mayor should have served at least two previous terms on the SJYC and should

have previous experience as a Youth Council Member, Recorder, Liaison or Youth Executive Team Member.

2. Youth Executive Council (7): The duties of the Youth Executive Council shall include fulfilling the responsibilities of the Youth Mayor on a temporary basis in his or her absence, passing motions or resolutions as necessary by a simple majority vote, and following through on duties assigned by the Youth Mayor. To be considered as a Youth Executive Council Member, the candidate should have served at least one previous term on the SJYC.
3. Recorder: The duties of the Recorder shall include taking role and minutes at SJYC meetings presenting them for approval at the next general meeting; ensuring that the proper records are kept of SJYC activities; keeping a record book of all official items and actions; and posting notice of all scheduled meetings. To be considered as the Recorder, the candidate should be at least a second year SJYC member.
4. Liaison: The duties of the Liaison shall include attending county and state youth council meetings in addition to meetings of the SJYC, and reporting to the Youth Mayor and Council Members the items from such meetings. To be considered as the Liaison, the candidate should be at least a second year SJYC member.

Section 4. Oath of Office

The SJYC Officers (Youth Mayor, Youth Executive Council, Recorder, and Liaison) shall take the following Oath of Office following their elections:

I, (state your name), do solemnly affirm that while I serve as a member of the South Jordan Youth Council, I will uphold the laws of the City of South Jordan, act as an ambassador for the City at all times, and willingly participate in Youth Council sessions, trainings, projects and acts of service. I fully recognize that as member of the Youth Council, I will serve as an example to all, including future Youth Council Candidates. I therefore pledge to serve with care and concern for the reputation of the City of South Jordan, the Youth Council, and its advisors.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The SJYC will meet regularly as determined annually by the Program Coordinator and the Youth Council Officers. Meetings may be held at the South Jordan City Hall, unless the time and location have been altered by the SJYC Mayor and notification given to all members.

Regular meetings may be suspended during the months of June, July and August to accommodate summer vacation from school.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the SJYC Mayor or by the Program Coordinator. Also, meetings of various committees may be scheduled as appropriate.

Section 3. Attendance

Service on the SJYC is a serious commitment. Members are expected to be in attendance at each regular meeting, unless excused by the Program Coordinator. Members must attend a minimum of 70% of meetings and complete at least 20 hours of volunteer service to remain in good standing with the SJYC. Volunteer service hours must be completed from a list of opportunities prepared by the Program Coordinator. During each term of service, each SJYC member is also required to attend a minimum of one City Council work session or regular meeting per quarter.

Section 4. Conduct of Meetings

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order may be modified as deemed necessary for the effective conduct of business.

Section 5. Voting and Quorum

Business of the SJYC can be conducted at any meeting where at least half of the members are present. Affirmative votes may be taken by a simple majority of those present. However, removal of a member or officer requires a two-thirds majority of those present.

Section 6. Conferences & Training

Members of the SJYC in good standing, may be invited to attend leadership trainings outside of the South Jordan City limits. South Jordan City may provide training scholarships to help pay for a portion of registration fees to a limited number of SJYC members. It will be the responsibility of the SJYC member attending to pay the remaining portion of the registration fees and to provide their own transportation to and from these trainings.

ARTICLE IV AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Amendments to these bylaws may be suggested by City Staff, the Program Coordinator, Volunteer Advisors, and/or a majority vote of Youth Council members. The bylaws may be amended or repealed by the City Manager, or designee.