

CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1887

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.78 TO THE FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A YOUTH COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, it is important that today's youth be encouraged to take interest in local government decision-making activities and that opportunities be created to foster civic participation by young people; and

WHEREAS, the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families at the National League of Cities states that "Nothing is more important to the health of our democracy than the active engagement of young people in representative government at the local level;" and

WHEREAS, establishment of a City of Fife Youth Commission will foster youth engagement in city government; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Youth Commission is to serve as an advisory board to the City Council, other city boards and commissions, and city staff on issues affecting the youth of this community; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 2.78 is hereby added to the Fife Municipal Code, titled "Youth Commission" to read as follows:

Chapter 2.78 Youth Commission

Sections:

2.78.010	Purpose
2.78.020	Membership.
2.78.030	Terms of Office.
2.78.040	Responsibilities

2.78.010 Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to serve as an advisory board to the City Council, other city boards and commissions, and city staff on issues affecting the youth of this community.

2.78.020 Membership.

The Youth Commission shall be comprised of residents of the city of Fife or those that reside within the boundaries of the Fife School District and who are high school or junior high school students. The Youth Commission shall be comprised of up to nine (9) voting members, at least one of which may be a member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, no more than three (3) shall reside outside the city limits of Fife, and no more than three (3) shall be in Junior High School (grade 8 or 9). The director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS), or their designees, shall be available on an as-needed basis to provide technical knowledge and/or support. In no way shall their time be allowed to become a financial burden on the city. Members shall serve without pay. Vacancies shall be filled by the city council from a list of nominees nominated by council members. Members shall show an interest and participate in accomplishing the purposes of the commission.

2.78.030 Terms of Office.

The initial appointment shall be four (4) four members to one-year terms, and five (5) members to two-year terms. Each appointment thereafter shall serve a two-year term. In the event of a vacancy of any position, the city council shall appoint a successor for the unexpired portion of the term from a list of nominees submitted by council members. Members may be removed prior to the expiration of their term by the city council for inefficiency or neglect of duty.

2.78.040 Responsibilities

The Youth Commission shall be responsible for encouraging full and active participation in government by the young people of the community; establishing a forum for meaningful open communications among young people; establishing a direct communications link between young people of the city and City Council; and promoting and developing leadership skills of Youth Commission participants.

Section 2. Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is determined by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions thereof provided the intent of this Ordinance can still be furthered without the invalid provision.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by State law.

Introduced the 23rd day of September 2014.

Passed by the City Council on the 23rd day of Sept. 2014.



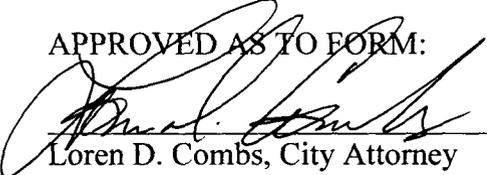
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Loren D. Combs, City Attorney

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