

**2016-06 AN ORDINANCE BY
PRINCETON ESTABLISHING A
YOUTH ADVISORY
COMMITTEE AND AMENDING
THE "CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF PRINCETON,
NEW JERSEY, 1974."**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974," entitled "Administration," is hereby amended by adding a new section to Article V, "Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees," for purposes of establishing a Youth Advisory Committee as follows:

Sec. 2-90A. Youth Advisory Committee.

(a) Established. There is hereby established a Youth Advisory Committee.

(b) Membership; terms of office; ex-officio members. The Youth Advisory Committee shall consist of twelve (12) students and up to five (5) adult liaisons appointed in accordance herewith on or before June 1 of each year. The Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of Council, the student members of the Committee from a list of qualified applicants who have submitted an application. Student members must be residents of the municipality and must be high school students entering grades nine (9) through twelve (12) in the fall of the same year. Every effort will be made to appoint a diverse group of students and to evenly distribute appointments geographically. Members shall serve four-year terms or until graduation, whichever comes first. If any member shall fail to attend two (2) consecutive meetings, or more than half of the meetings in one (1) academic year without just cause, then said member shall be replaced by the Mayor. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, all members shall serve at the pleasure of

the Mayor and Council. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, shall appoint one (1) elected official as a non-voting liaison. The Administrator shall appoint two (2) staff members as non-voting liaisons, including at least one (1) staff member from the Department of Health, Youth, and Community Services. The Chief of Police shall appoint one (1) officer from the Safe Neighborhoods Unit as a non-voting liaison. There may also be one (1) non-voting liaison from the Princeton Public Schools.

(c) Organization; meetings; quorum; votes.

(1) The Youth Advisory Committee shall meet for the purpose of organization in August of each year. The Youth Advisory Committee shall elect its own officers who shall include a chair, vice-chair, and secretary.

(2) The Youth Advisory Committee is a public body and shall meet once to twice a month, August through June. A special meeting may be called by the chair, vice-chair or three (3) members of the Youth Advisory Committee. Minutes shall be kept by the secretary and filed with the municipal clerk.

(3) A quorum shall consist of more than fifty (50) percent of the student members currently appointed plus one adult member.

(d) Duties. The duties of the Youth Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Mayor and Council in issues of interest to youth. This may include recommending policies and sponsoring educational, informational, and/or social events for youth.

(e) Authority. The Youth Advisory Committee has no special authority.

(f) Reports. The Youth Advisory Committee shall prepare and present an annual report to the Mayor and Council between June 1 and August 1 of each year. The report shall include accomplishments of the past school year and goals for the next

academic year. Additional special reports and recommendations may be made to the Mayor and Council as the need arises in the judgment of the Youth Advisory Committee or at the specific request of the Mayor and Council.

Section 2. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption and publication as provided for by law. The provisions hereof shall be applicable within Princeton upon taking effect and shall become a part of the new Princeton Code once completed and adopted.

This ordinance establishes an Youth Advisory Committee for purposes of advising the Mayor and Council on issues of interest to youth in the community, including but not limited to recommending policies and sponsoring educational, informational, and/or social events for youth.

I, Kathleen K. Brzezynski, Deputy Clerk of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at its meeting held February 29, 2016.



Kathleen K. Brzezynski
Deputy Clerk