

ORDINANCE NO. 1934

INTRODUCED BY: BENSON, BULLOCK, CARSON, DOUGLAS, FORD,  
MCELDOWNEY, MORENO

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 2-3005 ENTITLED YOUTH COMMISSION TO ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City believes strongly that Commerce City is and should continue to be a family-friendly community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City recognizes that encouragement and nurturing of families is best achieved when its youth are empowered, supported and informed so that they can be productive members of the community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to realize its commitment to youth, the City Council by adoption of this Ordinance has established the City of Commerce City Youth Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The Commerce City Revised Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Section 2-3005 entitled Youth Commission to Article III of Chapter 2 to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-3005. Youth commission.**

(a) *Establishment and powers.* The youth commission is hereby established to advise the city council on matters related to youth. The youth commission shall have the power to plan and organize youth summits and neighborhood meetings throughout the city; develop and recommend the adoption of policies, programs and services that empower, support and inform the youth of the city; advise the city council on issues that relate to youth; and build partnerships with individuals, groups and organizations that impact both youth and families.

(b) *Composition and qualifications.* The city council shall appoint up to TWENTY THREE (23) voting members as follows: up to SIXTEEN (16) youth members who shall be between the ages of thirteen and nineteen and attend a secondary school that services city residents, live within the city and are home schooled, or have dropped out after attending a school servicing city residents; two (2) city council members; up to four (4) citizen representatives, preferably each residing in a different ward of the city; and one (1) volunteer coordinator to focus on youth member development. The city manager shall appoint one (1) city staff member to sit as a non-voting member of the youth

commission. No adult who has been convicted of a crime against a minor shall be permitted to serve on the youth commission.

(c) *Terms of Office.* Except for vacancies in unexpired terms, which shall be filled in accordance with the charter, the appointment of city council members, whose terms shall coincide with the organizational meetings of the city council, and any appointments made to ensure the appropriate staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years. Youth members who reach the age of 19 while in office shall be deemed to have resigned their position as of the date of their birthday. No voting member EXCEPT FOR THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR may be appointed to serve more than two (2) terms on the youth commission.

(d) *Meetings.* The youth commission shall meet as necessary to perform its duties. Notice of any meeting of the youth commission, and the agenda for such meeting, shall be posted on the city’s website.

(e) *Quorum.* A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura J. Bauer, CMC, City Clerk