



Proposed Wilmington Youth Advisory Council 9/22/25



Agenda

- City Code- WYLC (Parks & Rec)
- WYLIP (Parks and Rec/Grant)
- Case Studies
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- WYAC
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- WYAC
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 - Staffing
- WYLC, WYAC and WYLIP - Comparison



What does the Code Say : WYLC?



WYLC is currently defunct.

Sec. 2-131. - Established; membership.

"There is established a Wilmington Youth Leadership Commission, which will be overseen by the Wilmington Youth Leadership Advisory Council. The membership shall consist of 35 youth members from grades 9 through 12, chosen from the memberships of youth organizations citywide, and they shall serve for one-year terms for up to three consecutive years, but they must reapply to serve annually. The Wilmington Youth Leadership Commission shall fall under the auspices of the Wilmington Department of Parks and Recreation."



What does the Code Say : WYLC?

Sec. 2-132. - Purpose and responsibilities.

The purpose of the Wilmington Youth Leadership Commission is to act in an advisory capacity to the mayor and city council and the departments and agencies of city government and in that capacity assist the city in its efforts to identify the needs of city youth and their families and to assist the city in efforts to develop and promote initiatives and programs which will address those needs. The commission to that end shall undertake the following responsibilities:

(1)The commission shall provide advice and direction to the city government regarding issues, concerns and programs that affect city youth and their families.

(2)The commission shall identify the needs of Wilmington youth and will act as an advocate for public and private program initiatives which address their needs.

(3)The commission shall assist the city government in developing a comprehensive plan for programs which provide services for city youth and their families.

What does the Code Say : WYLC?



Sec. 2-132. - Purpose and responsibilities (cont.)

(4)The commission shall promote cooperation and coordination between and among local, state and federal agencies which provide services for city youth and their families.

(5)The commission shall assist the city government in providing information about sources of funding for youth and family service programs.

(6)The commission shall support innovative city and neighborhood initiatives and local partnerships in their efforts to promote the interests of city youth and their families.



Grant Overview

Wilmington Youth Leadership Incubator Program (WYLIP) consists of 20 youth in total, including 4 executive members, (President, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary) and 2 youth representing the 8 councilmanic districts in Wilmington, DE.

Participants in the employment component research the issue of youth violence, interview stakeholders, and produce and present a report at the end of the year with suggestions to be implemented by juvenile justice programs to mitigate youth violence.

All youth participate in 1 trip per quarter, 2 speakers a month, and have access to therapeutic sessions with social workers and life skills using the ARISE curriculum every weekday. The quarterly trips are either leadership conferences or incentive-based programs to engage with the youth. The speakers are typically geared towards life skills, violence prevention, or job preparedness.

Youth Councils in Alexandria, New Orleans and San Jose



Children, Youth & Families Collaborative Commission City of Alexandria, Virginia

Goal:

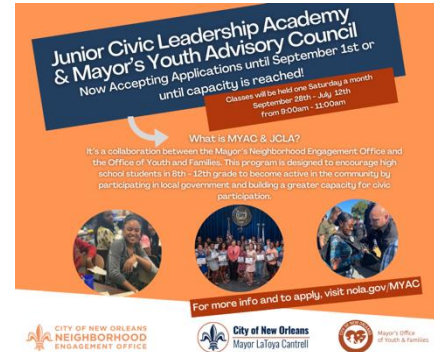
Monitor the progress of programs and services that are available to the city's children, youth and families.

Structure:

29 members:

- 6 community members ages 18-25 who are in youth/children/family focused professions (e.g., education, public safety or health);
- 3 high school students;
- 4 city staff;
- 4 identified by the superintendent of the Alexandria Public School;
- 3 liaisons from the city council.

New Orleans Mayor Youth Advisory Council New Orleans, Louisiana



Goal:

Collect, analyze and provide information relating to youth issues. Complete at least one impact project.

Structure:

25 members:

- 2 from each city council district
- The remaining shall be appointed to reflect the city's diversity.
- 9th-12th grade (including home study programs)
- One year term limit, no more than 2 consecutive terms.

San Jose Youth Commission San Jose (California)



Goal:

Provide a structure for outreach to San Jose teens.

Structure:

- Members must reside in San Jose and have completed 6th grade but have not attained 21 years of age.
- At least one commission member who has not started high school.

Proposal to Establish a Wilmington Youth Advisory Council - (CM Bracy and CM Owens)



- **Establishment**

- Wilmington Youth Advisory Council ("Youth Advisory Council"), which shall be overseen by the city council.
- The membership shall consist of twenty (20) youth members, comprised of residents of the city and appointed by the president of city council.
- The membership shall consist of students in grades 8 through 12, with no more than five (5) students in their senior year of high school.
- The members shall serve for one (1) year terms for up to three (3) consecutive years, but they must reapply to serve annually.
- The Youth Advisory Council shall fall under the auspices of the city council.

Proposed Wilmington Youth Advisory Council - Purpose & Responsibilities



- **Purpose and Responsibilities:**

- i) Assist the city council in preparing a Youth Master Plan, which offers a vision of the future for city youth and which is comprised of the following: an assessment of the current resources and needs of the city youth; proposed strategies to advance the safety, well-being, and healthy development of children and youth in the city; methods to engage the local community along with governmental, institutional, and citizen organizations to aid in the successful implementation of the Youth Master Plan; methods to evaluate the effectiveness of the Youth Master Plan; and measures to ensure accountability and sustainability of the Youth Master Plan over time.
- ii) Participate in the review and updating of the Youth Master Plan that is to take place every three (3) years.
- iii) Provide budgetary representation for city youth in preparation for the annual budget.
- iv) Provide legislative suggestions to city council.
- v) Collaborate with the Office of Educational Advocacy as needed.

Proposed Wilmington Youth Advisory Council



- **Rules.**

- The Youth Advisory Council may adopt rules to govern its meetings. If none are adopted, the meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

- **Compensation.**

- Each member shall be paid \$50.00 for attending the entirety of each Youth Advisory Council meeting; provided, however, the total amount paid to any member shall not exceed \$600.00 in any one calendar year.

- **Funding.**

- Each year, city council shall appropriate the necessary funds for the Youth Advisory Council. The appropriation shall be a line item in the city council's operating budget.

- **College Scholarships.**

- Eligibility for students who actively participate.

Characteristic	Proposed Youth Advisory Council.	Youth Leadership Council (Defunct)	WYLIP (Grants)
Composition	Up to 20 students from 8th to 12 Grade	Composed of 35 youth members between 9th to 12 Grade.	Consists of 20 youth in total, including 4 executive members, (President, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary) and 2 youth representing the 8 councilmanic districts in Wilmington, DE
Student Compensation	Approximately \$50 dollars per meeting	None	Stipend - \$15 per hour
Term Limit	The members shall serve for one (1) year terms for up to three (3) consecutive years, but they must reapply to serve annually (Sept- June).	1 year term renewable for up to 3 consecutive years (must reapply annually)	?
Frequency of Meetings	Monthly/ Bi-Monthly	?	Approximately "Monthly"
Scholarship	Internship and scholarships to high school students	None	Internships
Cost	Approximately \$15,000 annually	Admin Staffing	Grant , Admin Support
Operational Support	Run under City Council (Project Manager, Speaker series - department heads, directors, etc.)	Run under the Department of Parks and Recreation, Admin Support.	Run under the Department of Parks and Recreation, Admin Support and Grant Funding.



Questions

