

CHAPTER 17
SALEM YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

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17.010. Salem Youth Advisory Commission Created; Composition. The Salem Youth Advisory Commission is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of not fewer than eight and not more than fifteen voting members, at least seventy percent of which are members under the age of twenty-two at the time of their appointment. Except for the appointment of representatives from the Salem-Keizer School District 24-J and the Salem Police Department, preference in appointments shall be given to persons not older than twenty-one years of age. The Mayor and staff representatives from the Salem Police Department and the Community Development Department shall be non-voting members of the Commission. In appointing the voting members not older than twenty-one years of age, the Mayor shall seek to have a representative on the Commission from each of the local high schools and colleges. Representatives from educational alternatives and from youth organizations shall also be sought. In appointing the voting members over twenty-one years old, the Mayor shall appoint one management representative of the Salem-Keizer School District 24-J and ensure that any other voting member over twenty-one years of age represents an organization or system that addresses local youth issues. After July 1, 1999 appointments of voting members over twenty-one years of age shall be for a term of one year or until a successor is appointed and qualified, and appointments of voting members not older than twenty-one years of age shall be for a term of two years or until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Mayor shall make the appointments to the Commission and shall fill any vacancy on the Commission caused by resignation, death or removal for the unexpired term of a member. (Ord No. 78-71; Ord No. 201-72; Ord No. 23-74; Ord No. 93-79; Ord No. 10-93; Ord No. 42-99; Ord No. 10-2004; Ord No. 42-09)

17.040. Organization of the Commission.

- (a) The commission shall elect a president and a vice president who shall hold office at the pleasure of the commission.
- (b) The City of Salem shall provide a secretary to the commission and other necessary staff.
- (c) The director of finance of the City of Salem shall act as the fiscal agent for said commission.
- (d) The commission shall make, establish and alter bylaws for its government and procedure consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon and with the charter and ordinances of the City of Salem. (Ord No. 78-71)

17.050. Powers and Duties. The commission shall have no executive or administrative powers or authority except as herein provided, and this ordinance shall not be construed as depriving city elected or appointed officials of any power they may have under the laws of the state or the charter of the city. The commission shall be advisory and is created for the purpose of providing a youthful viewpoint on community affairs. The powers, duties and functions of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) Make recommendations and advise the city council concerning solutions to specific problems involving the youth activities of the community.
- (b) Encourage the initiation of programs of general interest to youth.
- (c) Enlist the cooperation of all segments of the community in being more responsive to the youth community.
- (d) Make and issue reports respecting its studies, research, examinations and other activities and make annual reports to the city council at such times as may be required by the council. (Ord No. 78-71; Ord No. 149-73)

