



Legislation Text

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Resolve: That the City of Malden City Council establish "The Malden Youth Council" Ad Hoc Committee with three (3) City Councillors as voting members assigned by the Council President; to provide an opportunity for the youth of Malden and foster civic engagement and an opportunity to be involved and participate in local government to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in the system.

PURPOSE and CONTENT;

To provide a space for the youth of Malden to foster civic engagement and an opportunity to be involved and participate in local government and acquire a greater knowledge of the role of our elected officials.

To assist the City Council in addressing the needs of youth, their problems and goals within city government.

To serve and give a voice to all the youth of Malden by:

1. informing the Malden City Council of their challenges in government and to help them better work in collaboration with local government.
2. helping to instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights of others and promoting government.
3. the Youth Council shall consist of eight (8) Malden youth residents confirmed by the City Council representing and with emphasis of our diverse cross-section of the city.

The City Council shall be responsible for the organization of this new committee by announcing this opportunity in all our local papers and social media venues.

The review process will begin with the Appointments and Personnel Committee offering interviews with recommendations to the Council floor for final acceptance.

As a new body, the newly appointed members shall be responsible for appointing the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Youth Council.

The Youth Council shall present to the Council their goals, agenda, and mission once a month to the City Council.

All members shall be between the ages of 14-18 except that the Chairperson shall be at least 16 years old.

The term of each member shall be one (1) year. Members are eligible to reapply annually if they meet member eligibility requirements with a term limit of (3) years.

Members must meet the following qualifications:

- remain residents of the city.
- attend meetings on a regular basis and inform the Youth Council of absences prior to meetings.
- fulfill the responsibilities of the office held.
- set an example for youth in the community.

A member can be removed from the Youth Council if they fail to sustain any of the above qualifications. This shall be by majority vote of the members, subject to the approval of the City Council.

Vacancies shall be filled by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Meetings shall follow guidelines of all City Council Committee Meetings as set forth in the Council Rule Book.

All meetings must be open to the public.