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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 85-34 (ALTERNATE)

ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.60 TO THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula is a young, vital, and growing area that needs the input of young people to allow the quality of life on the Peninsula to continue to improve; and

WHEREAS, the continuing processes of self-government require that succeeding generations of citizens become involved in and knowledgeable about local government; and

WHEREAS, the KPB Assembly recognizes that the young people of Alaska should be given an opportunity to become involved in the institutions and processes of local government; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of a municipality may establish by ordinance a commission on the involvement of young people in local government; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That Title 2 of the KPB Code of Ordinances is amended to add a new chapter 2.60 to read:

CHAPTER 2.60

YOUTH COMMISSION

Sections:

- 2.60.010 Youth Commission--Establishment
- 2.60.020 Members--Terms
- 2.60.030 Appointment--Officers
- 2.60.040 Vacancy
- 2.60.050 Compensation
- 2.60.060 Meetings
- 2.60.070 Quorum
- 2.60.080 Duties
- 2.60.090 Interns

2.60.010. Youth Commission--Establishment. There is established a Youth Commission, which shall act in an advisory capacity to the Assembly.

2.60.020. Members--Terms. A. The Commission shall be composed of no more than 7 members from the 17-22 age group. Members shall be Kenai Peninsula Borough residents.

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B. The term of each member shall be two years.

C. The Commission shall consist of at least 1 member from each of the four Assembly districts, and 3 members at large. One member at large shall be appointed irrespective of age, but that member may not serve as chair or vice-chair.

2.60.030. Appointment--Officers. A. Commission members shall be appointed by the Assembly without regard to political affiliation. The Assembly shall consider the recommendation of the Commission in designating the chair and vice chair of the Commission. Officers serve at the pleasure of the assembly.

B. Names of applicants for membership on the Commission shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk, Assembly President or Mayor who shall then refer the said names to the appropriate assembly committee. That committee shall then decide which applicants are to be appointed to the Commission, subject to final approval by the Assembly.

C. The terms of initial appointments to the Commission shall be staggered. Members may be reappointed. The regular term of a member of the Commission shall commence on July 1 of the year of appointment and shall expire on June 30th of the year the member's term expires.

2.60.040. Vacancy. A. The office of a member of the Commission shall become vacant when:

1. A member fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings unless excused; or

2. A member resigns and the member's resignation is accepted.

3. A member is removed from office by majority vote of the assembly.

B. Vacancies arising from unexpired terms shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term only.

C. Vacancies shall be filled pursuant to KPB 2.60.030.

2.60.050. Compensation. Members of the Commission serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for mileage recorded when traveling to and from Commission meetings at the rate per mile as is provided from time to time for Borough employees.

2.60.060. Meetings. The Commission shall meet at least once a month or as otherwise requested or approved by the Assembly.

2.60.070. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Commission shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

2.60.080. Duties. Duties of the Commission shall include:  
A. Establish procedures to enable it to recommend to the Assembly a group of young men and women from whom the Assembly may select interns and youth members of Kenai Peninsula Borough boards and commissions.

1. In establishing these procedures, the Commission shall enlist the aid of Borough residents who are actively interested in working with young people.

2. Following adoption of the procedures, the Commission shall accept applications from persons and nomination for consideration, and shall select from these candidates for recommendation to the assembly.

3. Recommendation of the Commission shall be limited to young people who:

a. have a capacity, desire, interest, ability, and potential for leadership and service to the community and to the state;

b. will have attained the age of 17 but not the age of 22 before the beginning of their service or internship.

B. Evaluate the program annually and submit a written report to the Assembly by April 1 of each year.

C. Study, hold informal hearings on and make recommendations to the Assembly on the following subjects, among others:

1. methods of apportionment at appropriate times;

2. ethics and conflicts of interest;

3. expansion or improvement of borough powers and services;

4. other matters before the assembly.

2.60.090. Interns. An intern or interns may be appointed to serve on the staff of the Assembly or the Administration for a period of one year, beginning July 1 on recommendation of the Youth Commission. The intern may be assigned responsibilities by the department head of the department to which assigned. Interns shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. The Assembly shall approve the number of paid interns, with salary no greater than the prevailing minimum wage.

2.60.100. Appointment to municipal boards and commissions.  
A. The Borough appointing authority for a Borough board or commission may appoint a 17-21 year old Borough resident to the board or commission if recommended by the Youth Commission.

2.60.110 Expiration. The Commission shall automatically be disbanded at the end of fiscal year 1987-88 unless the Assembly by ordinance reestablishes the Commission.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

DEFEATED  
~~ADOPTED~~ BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON  
THIS 20th DAY OF August, 1985.

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Marilyn Dimmick, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Borough Clerk