

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-___

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING SECTIONS 2-3-9-362 AND 2-3-9-363, DIVISION 2-3-9, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, BY AMENDING THE NUMBER OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUIRED TO SERVE ON THE YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FROM ONE TO TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS, PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONS TO EFFECTUATE THAT MODIFICATION, ADDING LANGUAGE REQUIRING A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE QUORUM OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ITEMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, that:

Section 1. Section 2-3-9-362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-3-9-362 Members—Term of office.

- A. Prior to December 17, 2021, the ~~The~~ membership of the committee shall consist of nine (9) members, one of ~~which~~ whom shall be a member of the city council and the other eight (8) shall be non-councilmembers. The non-councilperson members of the committee shall be residents of the City of Lawton who have been determined to have specific qualifications to study and evaluate opportunities for youth of all ages in the city to develop life and career enhancing skills and avoid involvement in the criminal justice system. The councilperson on the committee, as a member of the city council, shall also be a resident of the City of Lawton. Members shall be nominated to serve on the committee by the mayor and confirmed by the city council.
- B. Effective December 17, 2021, the membership of the committee shall consist of nine (9) members, two of whom shall be members of the city council and the other seven (7) shall be non-councilmembers. The non-councilperson members of the committee shall be residents of the City of Lawton who have been determined to have specific qualifications to study and evaluate opportunities for youth of all ages in the city to develop life and career enhancing skills and avoid involvement in the criminal justice system. The councilpersons on the committee, as members of the city council, shall also be residents of the City of Lawton. Members shall be nominated to serve on the committee by the mayor and confirmed by the city council.

- CB. Initially, individuals nominated and confirmed as members 1, 2 and 3 on the committee shall serve a one-year term; individuals nominated and confirmed as members 4, 5 and 6 on the committee shall serve a two-year term; individuals nominated and confirmed as members 7, 8 and 9 on the committee shall serve a three-year term. The December 17, 2021 requirement for a second council member to serve on the committee will be for the third committee member position. The individual serving in the third member position on December 16, 2021, if anyone, will cease to do so on December 17, 2021. The third member position will thereafter be filled by a council member. Said second council member shall initially join committee members 1 and 2 by serving the remaining time left on the initial one-year term with those members. Thereafter, each individual nominated and confirmed to serve on the committee shall serve a term of three (3) years or until a successor is named, whichever occurs first. Appointments to fill any vacancy on the committee shall, following a nomination by the mayor, be confirmed by majority vote of the city council, with the individual so appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of office. Filling an unexpired term shall not constitute a full term toward the below-referenced two-term limitation. The ninth and third committee member positions listed above shall be the positions reserved for the city councilpersons appointed to the committee.
- DC. No member shall serve more than two (2) successive three-year terms. However, a member, after serving two (2) full three-year terms, may serve again after remaining inactive for a calendar year.
- ED. Members who miss three (3) consecutive meetings shall automatically cease to serve on the committee and will not be eligible for renomination to the committee for two (2) years.
- EE. Members who fail to maintain their residency in the City of Lawton shall automatically cease to serve on the committee.
- GF. Should the council member serving on the committee cease to serve on the city council, that member shall also automatically cease to serve on the committee at the time they cease being a member of city council.
- HG. Any member of the committee may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the city council, with cause.

(Ord. No. 21-03 §§ 1, 3, 2-23-2021)

Section 2. Section 2-3-9-363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-3-9-363 Meetings.

- A. All meetings of the youth and family affairs committee shall be open to the public. No business of the committee may be conducted unless a quorum of a majority of appointed members are present. The concurring vote of a majority of those composing the quorum is ~~sufficient~~ required to approve or disapprove any act or action of the committee.

B. All meetings of the committee will be preceded by public notice and conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

(Ord. No. 21-03 §§ 1, 4, 2-23-2021)

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its passage.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, this 16th day of November, 2021.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this ____ day of _____, 2021.

JOHN RATLIFF, CITY ATTORNEY

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BRIEF GIST

This ordinance amends the number of city council members required to serve on the Youth and Family Affairs Committee from one to two council members, provides for provisions to effectuate this modification, and includes language stating that a majority vote of the quorum of the committee members shall be required for the committee to approve or disapprove items. The ordinance will be effective 30 days after passage.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this 16th day of November, 2021.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

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TRACI L. HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK

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