



## City of North Port

### ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 4 – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE XI – NORTH PORT YOUTH COUNCIL, SECTION 4-202 – MEMBERSHIP, TO ALLOW FOR A RESIDENT MEMBER WHO ATTENDS SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE CITY AND TO CHANGE THE MINIMUM GRADE REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, North Port Youth Council seeks to involve young people within the community to discuss issues which are important to the youth of the City and to advise the City Commission on such issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the North Port Youth Council will be to provide insight and feedback on issues relating to youth, including city ordinances, long range planning, and city-functioned activities; and

**WHEREAS**, students who attend school in North Port and/or reside in North Port have valuable input to offer the North Port Youth Council; and

**WHEREAS**, students who are in sixth grade have valuable input to offer the North Port Youth Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that the proposed amendments serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **SECTION 1 - FINDINGS**

1.01 The recitals outlined above are incorporated by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

#### **SECTION 2 - ADOPTION**

2.01 The North Port City Commission hereby approves and adopts the following amendments to the Code of the City of North Port, Florida:

**“Chapter 4 – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

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**ARTICLE XI. – NORTH PORT YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Sec. 4-202. – Membership.**

The NPYC shall consist of seven (7) to eleven (11) student members in the following manner:

(a) Every student member shall attend school within the limits of the City of North Port for a period of one (1) year prior to the appointment and shall remain a student through his or her term. One at-large member may attend school outside the City of North Port, provided the member is a resident of the city and remains a resident through his or her term.

(b) Every student member shall have successfully completed the ~~seventh (7th)~~ sixth (6th) grade and may be currently enrolled and attending middle school or high school and shall be under the age of twenty (20).

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(f) Vacancies.

(1) A member’s term shall automatically cease and a vacancy shall occur upon the occurrence of any one of the following conditions:

a. A member no longer attends school in the City of North Port. If a member no longer attends the school the member has been appointed to represent but still attends school in the City of North Port, the member shall be deemed to serve as the representative of the member’s current school or as an at-large member, provided there is an open seat. If no open seat is available, the member’s term shall automatically cease, and a vacancy shall occur.

b. A member voluntarily vacates his or her seat.

c. An at-large member no longer resides in the city.

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**SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS**

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and any other ordinance or portions thereof, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY**

4.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a

separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**SECTION 5 – CODIFICATION:**

5.01 In this ordinance, additions are shown as underlined and deletions as ~~striketrough~~. These editorial notations shall not appear in the codified text.

**SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

6.01 This Ordinance shall take effect immediately by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida in public session the 23rd day of April 2019.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida on the second and final reading in public session this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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CHRISTOPHER HANKS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHRYN WONG  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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AMBER L. SLAYTON  
CITY ATTORNEY