

ORDINANCE NO. 4103

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 12-13-1 (CREATION OF COMMISSION; DESIGNATION AS YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD), and 12-13-2 (COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERMS; CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS; COMMITTEES) and to add new Section 12-13-7 (CREATION OF YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD; APPOINTMENT AND TERMS; FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES), to Chapter 13 (YOUTH POLICY COMMISSION), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 12-13-1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 12-13-1 Creation of commission.

There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Youth Policy Commission (hereinafter referred to in this chapter as the commission).

Section 2. That Section 12-13-2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 12-13-2 Composition; appointment; terms; chairperson and officers; committees.

(a) The commission shall consist of 19 members, 18 of whom shall be voting members and one a non-voting member. Ten of the voting members shall be citizens, two shall be from community non-profit agencies that have an interest in youth issues, four shall be from the public sector, and two shall be from city boards or commissions or other organizations which have an interest and involvement with youth. The majority of the members of the commission shall not be elected officials or employees of a public or private service agency that provides services to the city's youth. The non-voting member shall be a judge from the juvenile and domestic relations court, as determined by the chief judge of that court.

(1) Citizen members. These ten members shall be appointed by city council and shall be city residents. They shall consist of: three parents of children 18 years of age or younger, one of whom shall be a resident of school board election District A, one of whom shall be a resident of District B and one of whom shall be a resident of District C (see section 12-1-4); two individuals younger than 18 years of age; two representatives of the business community; two members of professions which require special training or knowledge in issues affecting youth; and one individual who has an interest in issues affecting youth in the city.

The terms of the citizen members shall be three years and shall be staggered; except the terms of the citizen members younger than 18 years of age shall be one year. The members younger than 18 years of age may be reappointed by city council as long as they will be younger than 18 years of age during their reappointment.

(2) Community non-profit agency members. These two members shall be appointed by city council and shall be city residents. They shall represent non-profit community agencies that have an interest in youth issues. The terms of these members shall be three years and shall be staggered.

(3) Public sector members. These four members shall be the mayor, the commonwealth's attorney, a member of the school board designated by the board, and a member of the public health advisory commission designated by the commission. The mayor and the commonwealth's attorney shall serve on the commission for so long as he holds office. The other two public sector members shall serve terms of three years which shall be staggered.

(4) Members from city boards or commissions or other organizations. These two members shall be appointed by city council, and shall be residents of the city who are members of city boards or commissions, or of other organizations, which, in the course of performing their duties and functions, come into significant contact with the city's youth or which otherwise have an interest in youth issues. The terms of these members shall be three years and shall be staggered.

(b) The commission shall elect from among its voting members a chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary.

Section 3. That Chapter 13 of Title 12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new Section 12-13-7 to read as follows:

Sec. 12-13-7 Creation of youth services citizen board; appointment and terms; functions and duties.

(a) Pursuant to section 66-29 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, there is hereby established a youth services citizen board (hereinafter referred to in this chapter as the board).

(b) The board shall consist of 12 members who shall be the 10 citizens members of the commission, appointed pursuant to section 12-13-2(a)(1), and two members from non-profit agencies, appointed pursuant to section 12-13-2(a)(2). The terms of these board members shall coincide with their terms on the commission.

(c) The functions and duties of the board shall be as follows:

- (1) to assist the commission in its functions and duties as set forth in section 12-13-5;
 - (2) to serve in an advisory capacity to the commission to establish the goals and objectives as set forth in the Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Act, section 66-26 et seq., of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended;
 - (3) to evaluate and monitor community programs and services to determine their impact on youth, and to report its findings and recommendations to city council;
 - (4) to recommend to the commission ways in which all youth and their families with needs for services will be linked to appropriate services;
 - (5) to recommend to the commission changes in agency policies and procedures that make it difficult for youth and their families to receive services; and
 - (6) to administer, monitor and oversee grants made pursuant to section 66-29 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
- (d) The board shall elect from among its members a chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

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