

DATE: January 19, 2010
STAFF: Steve Budner

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 002, 2010, Amending Section 2-445 of the City Code Regarding Membership on the Youth Advisory Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance changes the membership of the Youth Advisory Board from its current membership of 7 to a range of 5 to 9 members. This change provides greater flexibility to accommodate fluctuating interest by young people in serving on the board. In the past, it has been difficult at times to secure and retain seven engaged board members. Currently, there are young people interested and excited about serving on the board, but no vacancies.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Youth Advisory Board was created April 19, 1994 by adoption of Ordinance No. 058, 1994, and the original membership was established at 9 members. Two members were appointed by Team Fort Collins. It was difficult to recruit and maintain this level of membership and in 2006, Team Fort Collins decided it no longer wished to make appointments to the Youth Advisory Board. On June 6, 2006, Ordinance No.096, 2006, was adopted, changing the membership of the Youth Advisory Board from 9 to 7 members. Turnover is frequent on this Board as students graduate from high school. Amending the City Code to allow a range of 5 to 9 members provides City Council with the opportunity to appoint interested students up to the maximum of 9 members. When interest is not as high, a minimum of 5 members allows a smaller Board to remain productive and focused. A quorum can be established at 3 members for a 5-member Board, and 4 members for a Board of 6-9 members, to allow a smaller Board the opportunity to conduct business when a full Board meeting is not possible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 002, 2010
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING SECTION 2-445 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
REGARDING MEMBERSHIP ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is a City advisory board whose members are appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-445 of the City Code, the YAB consists of seven members; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide more flexibility in the membership of the YAB depending on the number of interested and qualified applicants, City staff is recommending that the City Council amend the City Code to allow the YAB to consist of a minimum of five up to a maximum of nine members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, that Section 2-445 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-445. Membership; term.

(a) The Board shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~ **no less than five (5) and no more than nine (9)** members appointed by the City Council. All members shall be qualified by experience, training, age, ethnicity or socioeconomic background to represent a diverse cross section of youth in the Fort Collins community. At least five (5) of the members of the Board shall be under the age of twenty-one (21) years at the time of appointment. **A quorum of the Board shall consist of three (3) members for a five (5) member Board or four (4) members for a Board consisting of six (6) to nine (9) members.**

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 19th day of January, A.D. 2010, and to be presented for final passage on the 2nd day of February, A.D. 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 2nd day of February, A.D. 2010.

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