

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3258

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE SURFSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL; ADOPTING THE COUNCIL'S CHARTER AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside (the "Town") desires to establish the Surfside Youth Council (the "Council") as a continuing committee that will gather information relating to issues of special interest to the Town's youth and serve as a liaison between the young residents of Surfside and the Town and engaging their input in local activities and legislative matters, all as further detailed in the Council's Charter attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Council can inject ideas and youth perspectives into the local decision-making process, and promote regular and active civic engagement among Surfside youths, which is important to provide the knowledge, skills and abilities to the next generation of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Town Commission shall appoint one high school student that resides within the Town to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council shall serve in a fact-finding and informational capacity that reports to the Town Manager and Commission liaison; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that the establishment of the Council is in the best interest and welfare of the Town and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Establishment of Council. The Town Commission hereby establishes the Council as a continuing committee of the Town Manager that will serve in a fact-finding and informational capacity to the Town in accordance with the Council Charter attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Section 3. Council Charter; Organization. The Town Commission hereby approves and adopts the Council's Charter attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Charter may be amended by the Town Commission, from time to time, as deemed prudent or necessary.

Section 4. Implementation. The Town Manager and Town Officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions which are necessary to implement the Council and the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2024.

Motion By: Mayor Danzinger

Second By: Vice Mayor Rose

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meisheid	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>


Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE
AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**


Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney

Exhibit "A"

SURFSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL

The Town of Surfside ("Town") Youth Council ("Council") Charter establishes the objectives, goals, and purposes of the Council as a fact-finding committee of the Town Manager, and the organizational structure of the Council.

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Council is to assist the Town in gathering information relating to issues of special interest for the Town's youth, to collect feedback and suggestions from students regarding their needs, concerns, and ideas, in order to serve as a representative voice and enhance the Town Commission's and Administration's understanding and knowledge of the needs and desires of youth within the Town. The Council may also foster the following:
- i. Encourage community engagement for high school students to get involved in local government, including fellow youth and gather input on community issues.
 - ii. Collaborate with School Clubs and Organizations and establish partnerships with local clubs or organizations to promote and support Town initiatives, events, or community service projects. Implement youth-focused programs and initiatives that align with the goals of the Commission and the Council.
 - iii. Research local issues affecting youth and contribute to developing informed policy recommendations. Stay informed about national and regional trends to ensure the Town remains adaptive to evolving challenges and opportunities.
 - iv. Gather information on resolutions and legislation by the Town, newsletters, community service initiatives, host speakers on topics to assist with college prep, mock interviews for job interview training, etc.
 - v. Representatives encourage and facilitate higher levels of civic engagement among high school students, which can lead to increased attendance at Town meetings, participation in community service projects, and a generally more informed and active youth population.
 - vi. Provide a channel for the Town government to understand the younger demographic's perspectives, needs, and concerns. This input is valuable when planning policies or initiatives that impact the youth directly.
 - vii. Build relationships with school administrators, local government officials, and community leaders, which can be valuable for future endeavors.

viii. Demonstrate a commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and well-being of all residents, contributing to a positive community image.

- B. Objectives.** The Committee shall serve in a fact-finding and informational capacity and shall gather and present information relating to issues of special interest to the Town's youth as directed by the Town Commission and Administration. In performing its duties, the Council shall not issue advisory recommendations or engage in other decision-making functions.
- C. Composition and Qualifications.** The Committee shall consist of five (5) high school (Grades 9-12) students who are Surfside residents. Council members shall be current students in High School and shall not be older than 18 years old.
- D. Applications/Appointments.** Applications to the Council shall be made in the summer before (May-June) appointment, and the term shall be for the annual school term thereafter (August to August). Applications and membership in the Council shall require parental consent. Each Town Commissioner shall appoint one member to the Council. Council members shall serve for a term that runs concurrently with the then current school year (August to August).
- E. Organization.** The Committee shall be a fact-finding and informational committee of the Town. The Committee shall meet monthly during the school year and/or as directed by the Town for the purposes of gathering information on specific topics relating to issues of special interest of the Town's youth. Any member that fails to attend three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in any one school year may be removed from the Council and the Town Commission shall be provided notice of such vacancy.
- F. Commission Liaison.** The Commission shall annually appoint its liaison to the Council, which shall report to the Commission on the Council's activities on a regular basis.
- G. No Applicability of Sunshine Law and Public Records Law.** As a fact-finding and informational committee of the Town Manager, the Council shall not be subject to Florida's Sunshine Laws and Public Records Laws.