

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
RIDGWAY, COLORADO, ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF  
RIDGWAY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (“Town”) is a home rule municipality and political subdivision of the State of Colorado (“State”) organized and existing under a home rule charter (“Charter”) pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities use youth advisory councils to inject fresh ideas and youth perspectives into local decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council recognizes youth to be a valuable resource when given the opportunity to provide public input and citizen participation in the determination of Town policies and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, youth advisory councils can promote community service and foster a better understanding among young people of how municipal government works; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council recognizes that establishing a Youth Advisory Council to serve as an advisory body to the Town Council, will empower youth, will give them opportunities for input on projects, programs, and events, and will afford them opportunities to have influence and impact on issues and decisions they care about; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to create a Youth Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5-3 of the Ridgway Charter states that the Town Council may create any commissions and boards as it deems appropriate and specify their duties, terms and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the establishment of a Youth Advisory Council will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Ridgway community.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Ridgway Town Council hereby **RESOLVES** to establish the **Town of Ridgway Youth Advisory Council as set forth in Exhibit A: Town of Ridgway Youth Advisory Council Authority and Procedures**, attached hereto.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

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John Clark, Mayor

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Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

## EXHIBIT A

### TOWN OF RIDGWAY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES

1. **Establishment and Goals.** There is hereby established the Town of Ridgway Youth Advisory Council (Youth Advisory Council). The goals of the Youth Advisory Council program are as follows:
  - a. To provide an opportunity for the youth of this community to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the American political system through active participation in that system.
  - b. To help the Ridgway Town Council solve the problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of the youth.
  - c. To serve the youth of this community by:
    - i. Informing the town government of the needs and wishes of the youth.
    - ii. Planning and implementing social, educational, cultural, athletic and recreational activities for the youth.
    - iii. Working with the Ridgway Town Council, Ridgway School District and other local organizations to provide new opportunities for Ridgway youth.
2. **Roles and Responsibilities.** The roles and responsibilities of the Youth Advisory Council are as follows:
  - a. Makes specific recommendations for youth programs and activities to town government.
  - b. Serves as a forum for the expansion of ideas, needs, concerns, and goals relating to community issues particularly as they may affect youth.
  - c. Makes recommendations to enhance the range and quality of opportunities for young people.
  - d. Enlists community-wide participation in assuming the responsibility for resolving youth concerns.
  - e. Initiates and encourages youth-driven community service projects.

- f. Performs other tasks as the Ridgway Town Council may direct.
3. **Membership and Term.** The Youth Advisory Council shall be composed of five high school youth. The Ridgway Town Council shall appoint members after candidates complete an application and interview with the Town Council. Members shall serve one-year terms and may reapply until they graduate from high school. Current members who meet expectations shall be given preference for reappointment year to year.
4. **Qualification of Members.** Youth Advisory Council members shall:
  - a. Reside in the Town of Ridgway or attend Ridgway Secondary School.
  - b. Be between the ages of 14 and 18 and be in high school entering the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - c. Be able to commit to one year of participation.
  - d. Maintain at least a 2.75 GPA throughout the school year or, if GPA is below 2.75, submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator to the Town.
5. **Quorum.** Three (3) members of the Youth Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but in the absence of a quorum, a lesser number may adjourn any meeting to a later time or date.
6. **Removal from Office.** Any member of Youth Advisory Council may be removed for just cause at the pleasure of the Ridgway Town Council by a majority vote of the entire Council in office at the time the vote is taken. Just cause shall include misconduct, conduct unbecoming of a Town official, or more than two (2) unexcused absences within a twelve-month period. Prior to removal, the Ridgway Town Council shall conduct a hearing and shall provide written notice to the Youth Advisory Council member stating the grounds for removal at least three (3) days prior to the hearing.
7. **Officers.** The Youth Advisory Council shall select its own Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor or, in the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-Tem, shall be the presiding officer of its meetings. In the absence of both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem from a meeting, the members present shall appoint a member to serve as Acting Mayor at the meeting.
8. **Staff.** The Town Manager, or his or her designee, shall serve as the staff of the Youth Advisory Council and shall provide for the service of a recording secretary who shall act in the capacity of secretary for the Youth Advisory Council.

9. **Meetings.** Youth Advisory Council members shall attend regular meetings held once a month at Ridgway Town Hall. Youth Advisory Council members may be required to attend other meetings during their terms, including Ridgway Town Council meetings or presentations to local groups or organizations.
10. **Appropriation Authority.** The Youth Advisory Council shall not have authority to appropriate or spend Town of Ridgway funds. The Youth Advisory Council may provide recommendations to the Town Manager and/or Ridgway Town Council with regard to any annual budget.
11. **Council Amendments.** The Ridgway Town Council reserves the right to amend, increase, reduce or change any or all of the powers, duties and procedures of the Youth Advisory Council.