

Bylaws of the Garland Youth Council

As modified March 7, 2006

- Definitions:
- (a) committee meetings- meetings on designated Tuesdays for a particular committee
 - (b) regular meetings- meetings on the first Tuesday of the month for all of the Garland Youth Council members
 - (c) term - two calendar years beginning in September and ending in August
 - (d) chair person - the person, elected by the Garland Youth Council members, who is responsible for running meetings and helping all officers with their event duties
 - (e) vice chair person- the person, elected by the Garland Youth Council members, who is responsible for running meetings when the chair person is not present
 - (f) secretary-the person, elected by the Garland Youth Council members, who is responsible for taking minutes, and making sure the Garland Youth Council staff liaison has the updated minutes
 - (g) historian- the person, elected by the Garland Youth Council members, who is responsible for keeping track of the history of the Garland Youth Council

Section 1: There is hereby created a Garland Youth Council for the City of Garland, Texas, consisting of nine members all of whom shall be a student in the 11th grade and reside in Garland.

Section 2: All Youth Council members will be selected via an open-application process at the end of the school year, and may serve two calendar years, with the option of stepping down in the second semester of the second year. Applications are available at Garland City Hall and on the City of Garland website and may be submitted through the Garland City Council. The applications will be available to

schools and individuals in the spring and should be completed and returned by the last day of school. Selection criteria will be based on the applicant's leadership abilities and community involvement. Applicants should attend at least one Youth Council meeting before being selected to serve on the Youth Council.

Section 3: The service year is defined as beginning September 1 and ending August 31. The full Youth Council shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The Youth Council will designate three standing committees, which will meet on a designated Tuesday of each month.

Section 4: The Youth Council shall elect from its membership a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Historian for one-year terms of office commencing the first meeting after being sworn into office.

Section 5: All meetings should have a majority of the Youth Council members present.

Section 6: Suggestions regarding the Youth Council can either be proposed at meetings or sent through e-mail. E-mailed suggestions must be posted on an agenda for discussion at a regular meeting before the suggestion can be adopted.

Section 7: All Youth Council members should have the opportunity to have input on any decisions before they are finalized. Meeting agendas will be available to all Youth Council members by e-mail and on the City of Garland website at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Any members who cannot be present must provide their input in writing or by e-mail prior to the meeting. Such input will be included in the official meeting minutes.

Section 8: Youth Council members are allowed to miss three regular council meetings and five committee meetings.

Section 9: If a Youth Council member cannot attend a meeting, the Youth Council Staff Liaison or any other Youth Council member should be notified in advance.

Section 10: Visitors outside of the Youth Council are welcome to attend any of Youth Council's regular meetings and committee meetings to give insight to the discussions.