



CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE 1349

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR A TITLE; PROVIDING FOR COMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS, PURPOSE AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Live Oak City Council wishes to more actively engage and involve the youth of the community in the local government process; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Youth Advisory Council will serve as a catalyst for youth participation and promote community involvement by the youth of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. CREATION.

There is hereby created and established a Youth Advisory Council which shall be advisory to the City Council.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION.

The Youth Advisory Council shall be composed of five (5) voting members and a general council of non-voting members. The general council shall not exceed 25 members. The voting members of the Council shall be appointed by the City Council. The general council members shall be appointed by the voting members of the Youth Advisory Council. All voting and non-voting members of the Council must be enrolled in a public school, private school or a home education program within Suwannee County in grades nine through twelve. Appointment of voting members of the Council shall be for a period of two (2) years each, with the terms staggered. The initial appointments of voting members shall be terms as



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follows: Two (2) voting members for two (2) year terms and three (3) voting members for one (1) year terms, thereafter all terms of voting members shall be for a period of two (2) years. In the event a resignation or vacancy occurs of a voting member of the Council, the vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the City Council. The term of all voting members shall extend until the successors are appointed. Four (4) successive unexcused or unexplained absences from any meeting shall be in effect a resignation. Appointment of general council members shall be for a period of two (2) years each and approved by a majority vote of the voting members of the Youth Advisory Council. Voting members of the Youth Advisory Council shall make decisions regarding appointment of general council members at the next available council meeting following receipt of application for appointment. In the event a resignation or vacancy of a general council member occurs, that vacancy may or may not be filled at the discretion of the Youth Advisory Council.

Any voting or non-voting member of the Youth Advisory Council may be removed by a majority vote of the City Council.

SECTION 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Voting members of the Council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its voting members, each of whom shall serve for one (1) year and/or until a successor is elected and qualified. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings and exercise all the usual rights, duties and prerogatives of chairperson. The vice chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the absence or disability of the chairperson. Vacancies of either shall be filled for the unexpired term by a new election.



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SECTION 4. MEETINGS.

Meetings of the Youth Advisory Council shall be held at least quarterly or more frequently as determined by the Youth Advisory Council.

SECTION 5. PURPOSE AND DUTIES.

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Council is to stimulate and foster the active participation of young individuals in the addressing of issues impacting the youth of the community to ensure leaders of tomorrow have input in the local government process today.

The Youth Advisory Council shall recommend to the City Council policies, procedures and philosophies and serve as advocates for issues and initiatives to positively impact the lives of youth. It shall facilitate community meetings with youth to discuss issues and suggestions for improvement, assist in planning and implementing various events to benefit youth in the community and promote and recognize abilities, accomplishments and contributions of youth.

SECTION 6. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

It is the declared intent of the Live Oak City Council that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the remainder of this ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall continue to be valid.



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SECTION 7. REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED on first reading on the 12th day of November, 2013.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED, in regular session, with a quorum present and voting, by the City Council, upon second and final reading this 10th day of December, 2013.

CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LIVE OAK

A blue ink signature of Adam Prins, written in a cursive style.

Adam Prins, President

A blue ink signature of Garth R. Nobles, Jr., written in a cursive style.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of John W. Gill, written in a cursive style.

John W. Gill City Clerk

