

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Authorizing the Establishment of a Mayor's Youth Council for the City of Laurel**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Laurel, Mississippi, recognizes the vital role that youth play in shaping the future of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to actively engage young people in civic matters, leadership development, and community-building initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a Mayor's Youth Council will provide a formal structure for local youth to contribute their voices, ideas, and talents to city governance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of Laurel, Mississippi, as follows:

#### **Section 1: Establishment**

The Mayor's Youth Council is hereby established as a student-led body dedicated to empowering youth and promoting their involvement in civic affairs.

#### **Section 2: Purpose**

The purpose of the Mayor's Youth Council shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Enabling members to understand and experience local government
2. Developing leadership skills and civic responsibility among members
3. Acting as a liaison between the city's youth and local government

#### **Section 3: Operations**

The Mayor's Youth Council shall operate independently without reliance on a city budget. Mayor's Youth Council members will take full responsibility for planning, organizing, and executing their initiatives with guidance from the Mayor and other community mentors as needed.

#### **Section 4: Membership**

Members of the Mayor's Youth Council will consist of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in a local high school or homeschool, in good standing within their school and community. There will be two (2) students appointed from each City ward and members will serve a maximum of two (2) years.

#### **Section 4: Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Council.

**SO RESOLVED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, A.D., 2025.

Adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilperson Carmichael the second was by Councilperson Jordan upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Kelly, Thaxton, Carmichael, Ellis, Amos, Jordan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Capers

The Motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting, the President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2025.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON

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