



ORDINANCE NO. 3486

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.62 TO THE LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A YOUTH COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood recognizes the importance of engaging its youth in the democratic process and fostering a sense of responsibility and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the youth of Lynnwood represent a vital segment of our community, with unique perspectives and innovative ideas that can contribute to the growth and development of our city; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Youth Council will provide a structured platform for young residents to voice their opinions, collaborate on community projects, and actively participate in local governance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to empower the youth of Lynnwood by providing them with opportunities to develop leadership skills and engage with local issues that affect their lives and future;

WHEREAS, the Youth Council mission is to empower young leaders with a voice in their community, fostering belonging, equity, and purpose. Through leadership, civic engagement, and collaboration, we create an inclusive platform where youth are heard and can drive positive change;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: New Chapter Established. A new Chapter 2.62, titled "Youth Council", is added to Title 2 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code which shall read as follows:

Chapter 2.62
YOUTH COUNCIL

45 **2.62.010. Created.** A Youth Council is hereby established within the City of Lynnwood, to
46 be composed of youth representatives appointed at ages 14 to 19 years who reside in the
47 City of Lynnwood; attend a private school in the City of Lynnwood; are homeschooled and
48 reside in the City of Lynnwood; go to school within the Edmonds School District; or who
49 reside in the City of Lynnwood and go to school within the Edmonds School District.

50 **2.62.020 Powers and Duties.** The Youth Council is an advisory commission of the City of
51 Lynnwood to be composed of youth representatives whose duties shall be:

- 52 A. To provide a forum for youth to express their views on issues affecting their
53 community;
- 54 B. To encourage civic engagement and participation in local government among
55 young residents;
- 56 C. To collaborate with the City Council and city departments on initiatives that
57 benefit youth and the wider community; and
- 58 D. To promote leadership development through mentorship, training, and
59 community service projects.

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61 **2.62.030 Membership, Appointment - Term.** The Youth Council shall consist of 15
62 members. Members will be evaluated by a selection committee composed of the staff
63 liaison to the Youth Council and the Council Liaison or alternate for recommendation to
64 the Council for final appointment to a specific position number on the youth council.

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66 A. Members shall serve a term of two years, with the opportunity for reappointment.
67 Appointees shall serve for terms as follows:

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69 Position No. 1: Ending June 1, 2027
- 70 Position No. 2: Ending June 1, 2027
- 71 Position No. 3: Ending June 1, 2027
- 72 Position No. 4: Ending June 1, 2027
- 73 Position No. 5: Ending June 1, 2027
- 74 Position No. 6: Ending June 1, 2027
- 75 Position No. 7: Ending June 1, 2027
- 76 Position No. 8: Ending June 1, 2027
- 77 Position No. 9: Ending June 1, 2028
- 78 Position No. 10: Ending June 1, 2028
- 79 Position No. 11: Ending June 1, 2028
- 80 Position No. 12: Ending June 1, 2028
- 81 Position No. 13: Ending June 1, 2028
- 82 Position No. 14: Ending June 1, 2028
- 83 Position No. 15: Ending June 1, 2028

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85 B. The youth council will be responsible for creating and maintaining its by-laws.
- 86 C. The youth council will be administered by a staff liaison in accordance with
87 Lynnwood Municipal Code 2.24.090(B).

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2.62.040 Voter Registration Requirements - Residency Requirements.

- A. Voter registration requirements are waived for members of the Youth Council.
- B. No more than four members of the Youth Council may be nonresidents of the city of Lynnwood. Such members must physically reside within the Edmonds School District boundary .

2.62.050 LMC 2.24 Advisory Bodies – General Provisions Exemptions:

- A. The Youth Council is exempt from the following sections of LMC Chapter 2.24:
 1. 2.24.030.A Except where nonresident members are authorized for certain bodies, a member shall be a resident of the city for the full duration of their term.
 2. 2.24.030.B. Advisory body members shall be registered voters. Voter registration requirements for up to one member of each board or commission may be waived by the mayor and confirmed by council if the individual is ineligible to be a registered voter.
 3. 2.24.030.E. Each person to be appointed shall be nominated by the mayor to a specific advisory body, position number, and term.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase or word of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance or an approved summary thereof consisting of its title shall be published in the City’s official newspaper of record and shall take effect and be in full force five days following its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 11th day of August, 2025.

APPROVED:

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