

CITY COUNCIL POLICY

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS, MICHIGAN

TITLE: CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS GOVERNMENT YOUTH COUNCIL (RHGYC) GENERAL GUIDELINES

RELATES TO: General Operations of the RHGYC

RESOLUTION #:

IS THIS A NEW POLICY? Yes x No

IF NO, SUPERCEDES PREVIOUS POLICY DATED:

Purpose and Intent

On March 16, 2005, the City of Rochester Hills City Council adopted Resolution RES0080-200 establishing the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC). The purpose of the City of Rochester Hills' RHGYC General Guidelines is to establish general guidelines for the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council.

The Vision of the RHGYC shall be to promote youth involvement in local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences for the ultimate benefit of all Rochester Hills residents.

General Guidelines

Membership

1. The membership consists of thirteen (13) members appointed by City Council following the established Application/Appointment Process, which, whenever possible, will consist of two (2) representatives from each City Council District and (5) at-large representatives. The term of office shall be for one (1) year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1 and expiring on August 31 of the appropriate year, with the opportunity for reappointment.
2. Members shall be appointed to the RHGYC by City Council based on the recommendations of an Interview Team consisting of the following:
 - City Council Member serving as the liaison to the RHGYC or his/her designee
 - City Clerk or his/her designee

- Two (2) Youth Representatives, currently serving, who are High School students who and not eligible for re-appointment
- One (1) person selected by the City Council Liaison to the Youth Council, the City Clerk and the Adult Advisor

The Interview Team will evaluate candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation and school grade level.

3. At the discretion of City Council, the number of Youth Representatives may be decreased or increased for a specific year based on the recommendation of the Interview Committee

City Council's Responsibilities

1. City Council at its first Regular Meeting in December appoint a Council Member to serve as the liaison between City Council and the RHGYC.
2. City Council on an annual basis shall provide the RHGYC a list of possible projects related to the City's Goals and Objectives.
3. City Council during the budgetary process shall establish an annual operating budget for the RHGYC.

RHGYC's Members Responsibilities

1. The RHGYC shall be governed by its *Bylaws And Rules Of Procedure*
2. Each RHGYC member shall have the opportunity to participate in at least one (1) City Council meeting and one (1) City Council Work Session each year.
3. The RHGYC members shall present a report to City Council on a bi-annual basis.

Administration's Responsibilities

The Clerk's Office shall provide staff support for the RHGYC as follows:

1. Shall provide assistance to the Youth Council in preparation of meetings
2. Shall provide an Adult Advisor to attend all meetings and functions

Historical Data:

Presented to City Council: January 17, 2007
 Adopted: January 24, 2007