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2nd Reading: November 25, 2019

Presented By:
Council Member Topkok

Action Taken:
Yes 5
No 0
Abstain 0

CITY OF NOME

ORDINANCE NO. O-19-10-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.15 TO ADD A NON-VOTING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, persons under the age of 18 are ineligible to vote in municipal elections and therefore ineligible to hold elected office; and,

WHEREAS, decisions and actions taken by the council affect city youth; and,

WHEREAS, youth perspectives and opinions are valued by the council; and,

WHEREAS, a youth representative on the council can serve as a liaison to the youth community, and specifically the Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School studentry;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOME:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 2.15. Chapter 2.15 of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska is hereby amended to with the addition of a new section 2.15.100, to read as follows:

2.15.100 Youth representative and alternate.

(a) There is created a non-voting position of youth representative on the city council and an alternate youth representative to serve in the absence of the youth representative. A youth representative shall be a student at Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School.

(b) Students desiring to serve as youth representative or alternate shall, pursuant to policies adopted by the council and school, make application through the school principal, be elected by the studentry, and confirmed by the council. The school shall be responsible for retention of all documents pertaining to the application and election process.

(c) Duties.

(1) The youth representative shall be seated with the city council and may participate in discussions on issues before the council, except that the

youth representative's attendance and participation in any executive session shall be at the discretion of the council.

(2) The youth representative shall receive an agenda packet for each regular and special council meeting, except meetings solely devoted to an executive session.

(3) The alternate youth representative shall serve as the youth representative during periods of the youth representative's absence and shall receive the same documents and information as the youth representative for all meetings. The alternate youth representative is encouraged to attend all council meetings as a member of the public when the youth representative is in attendance.

(4) The youth representative shall be governed by and comply with all the provisions of the city council rules and procedures.

(d) The youth representative and alternate shall serve a one-year term, commencing upon the first regular council meeting occurring after the September Nome-Beltz Jr./Sr. High School student government election, and, unless earlier removed by an affirmative vote of the council or by resignation, until a successor qualifies. Any vacancy may, but is not required to, be filled by an affirmative vote of the council, with such term continuing until the appointed representative's successor is qualified. As an advisory representative, the youth representative shall not be considered a public official.

Section 2. Adoption of Policy. The city council hereby approves and adopts the Council Youth Representative Policy, included herewith.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon passage.

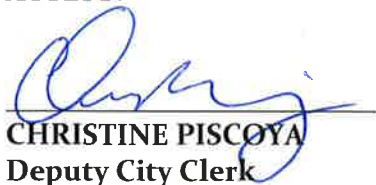
APPROVED and SIGNED the 25th day of November, 2019.



RICHARD BENEVILLE

Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTINE PISCOYA
Deputy City Clerk