

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ARTICLE 170 AS PART OF THE MORGANTOWN CITY CODE CREATING A GREATER MORGANTOWN AREA YOUTH COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the need for local government to focus on issues affecting our Nation's youth has increased in recent years regarding matters such as gangs, youth crime, alcohol and drug abuse, jobs and education, and recreation -- ---- just to name a few;

WHEREAS, the youth of the greater Morgantown area are a valuable resource which should be heard from and included in local government's deliberations regarding such matters;

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown is committed to working with the youth of our community so as to address their concerns and needs;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Morgantown to establish a Greater Morgantown Area Youth Commission which shall not only serve as a forum to address these needs, but also, assure that area youth are involved in the efforts of this community to recognize and address such youth oriented issues, now and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Morgantown hereby ordains that an Article 170, which reads as follows, is adopted as part of its City Code:

170.01 ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby established a Greater Morgantown Area Youth Commission (hereinafter "Youth Commission").

170.02 COOPERATION OF OTHER, LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

The City of Morgantown shall seek the cooperation and assistance of local governmental entities, so as to make the efforts of the Youth Commission a success.

170.03 PURPOSE AND MISSION.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to acknowledge this community's youth as an integral part of our society and to give youth a voice in government, thus enabling them to help shape the future of the greater Morgantown area and thereby benefit all of its citizenry.

170.04 MEMBERSHIP.

The Youth Commission shall consist of twenty-two (22) members and all shall be of high school age and reside within the greater Morgantown area. Initial appointments to the Youth Commission shall be made by the Morgantown City Council after having received nominations from the Greater Morgantown Area Youth Commission Advisory Council.

Subsequent appointments shall be made by Morgantown City Council after having received nominations from a nominating committee comprised of five Youth Commission members and the Commission's adult advisors.

- 170.05 TERM.
Youth Commission members shall be appointed for a one-year term and may be reappointed.

- 170.06 VACANCIES.
Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as appointments, but only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

- 170.07 OFFICERS.
The Youth Commission shall select from its own membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary.

- 170.08 MEETINGS.
The Youth Commission shall have one regularly scheduled meeting each month. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson.

- 170.09 MEMBERSHIP TRAINING.
Training, which will assist the individual members of the Youth Commission in performing their Commission duties, will be provided.

- 170.10 POWERS AND DUTIES.
It shall be the duty of the Youth Commission to advise and recommend to the City of Morgantown, such programs or projects which, in the opinion of the Youth Commission, will improve the quality of life for youth within the greater Morgantown area.

- 170.11 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.
City Council may appropriate any funds that it deems necessary to carry out any of the proposals set forth by the Youth Commission.

This ordinance shall be effective upon date of adoption.

FIRST READING: _____
ADOPTED: Mayor
FILED: _____
RECORDED: City Clerk

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this _____ day of _____, 2005, by and between the CITY OF MORGANTOWN (hereinafter "City"), MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION (hereinafter "Commission"), and MONONGALIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (hereinafter "Board").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City, on _____, adopted an ordinance creating a Morgantown Youth Commission (Greater Morgantown Area);

WHEREAS, a copy of the foregoing ordinance is attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the ordinance authorizes the City to seek the support and assistance of local governmental entities within the greater Morgantown area, so as to make the efforts of the City a success;

WHEREAS, the Commission and Board have agreed to assist the City in the foregoing endeavor;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to memorialize the understanding between the parties hereto regarding the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- (1) The City agrees to contribute \$4,380.00 for the fiscal year 2005-2006 for funding of the Youth Commission.
- (2) The Board agrees to contribute a staff person who will serve as the Youth Commission Coordinator for the fiscal year 2005-2006.
- (3) The Commission agrees to contribute, \$4,380.00 for the fiscal year 2005-2006 to the City for funding of the Youth Commission.
- (4) The City, Board and Commission will hereafter, on a yearly basis and to the extent authorized for each such fiscal year by their governing bodies, support the activities of the Youth Commission.
- (5) It is understood that this Agreement does not financially obligate any of the parties hereto, other than for the aforementioned fiscal year 2005-2006.
- (6) This Agreement shall be executed in triplicate with each of the parties retaining an original.

THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

THE MONONGALIA COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

THE MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____