

CITY COUNCIL 11.B

CITY OF LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Draft Ordinance: Youth Council

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Estee Avalos, City Council

SUMMARY:

Council Members are being asked to review the proposed Youth Council ordinance.

PRESENTER:

Council Member Escamilla

ESTIMATED TIME:

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BACKGROUND:

On August 12, 2024, under New Business, Council Member Escamilla introduced the idea of forming a task group to explore the creation of a youth board, commission, or similar advisory body. On December 2, 2024, she returned to Council to present case study findings and offered a preliminary framework recommendation. On January 21, 2025, Council Members Escamilla and Binda presented the next steps for moving the task group forward. This work culminated in a March 3, 2025, presentation in which they introduced the selected task group members and stakeholders and shared the draft framework developed for a potential Youth Council. On May 21, 2025, Council Members Escamilla and Binda presented a draft ordinance to establish a Youth Council and requested Council feedback regarding whether the body should be formally structured as a Board/Commission or as a program. Council requested that the task group return with clearly outlined options and a recommendation at a future meeting. On July 14, 2025, Council voted to establish the Youth Council as an official commission and bring back the ordinance for review at a future date.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt Ordinance ____, 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

DEPARTMENT ATTACHMENTS

Description:

[Youth Council Ordinance Redline.pdf](#)