

# YOUTH COUNCIL @ SUGAR HILL CHARTER

## I.

**Purpose.** The purpose of the Youth Council @ Sugar Hill (“YCSH”) shall be to provide an opportunity for the youth of Sugar Hill to acquire a greater knowledge of, and appreciation for, the American political system through active participation in local government. The YCSH shall assist the Mayor and City Council in solving the problems and accomplishing the goals of Sugar Hill by facilitating open dialogue and discussion with representatives of the youth.

The YCSH shall serve the citizens of Sugar Hill by:

- A. Informing the Sugar Hill municipal government of the needs and wishes of the youth.
- B. Planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for youth.
- C. Working with the Mayor, City Council, City Department Heads, schools, chambers of commerce, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City.
- D. Instilling a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights and property of others, promoting community pride, and facilitating positive influences on our future community leaders.

## II.

**Appointment of members; qualifications; Vacancies.** The YCSH shall consist of a total of between six and eight (6-8) members. A selection committee of the City Council shall nominate no fewer than six or more than eight members. Members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the City Council. The members nominated by the selection committee shall be residents of the City of Sugar Hill and shall be between the ages of 14 and 18 years old as of the date of their appointment, and there can also be up to two non-resident members who must attend a local area school (or home school) and shall be between the ages of 14 and 18 years old as of the date of their appointment. Any vacancies occurring during the term of office of any member shall be filled by appointment of Youth Council advisor as set forth above without regard to number in each category.

## III.

**Term; Swearing-in.** The term of the YCSH members shall be concurrent with the school year. (Actual term being from September 1 to August 31.) Swearing in of newly-appointed members of the YCSH shall take place at the September meeting of the City

Council, or, in the case of replacement members, at the first City Council meeting after appointment.

#### IV.

**Youth Council Advisors.** The Youth Council shall have one advisor from Mayor and Council of the City of Sugar Hill. The city shall also supply a staff member to act as a liaison. In addition, the YCSH may have one additional advisor from each school represented with a member on the YCSH. Advisor(s) shall attend meetings of the YCSH as necessary, and shall be involved in an advisory role in YCSH activities. These advisors shall be selected by the YCSH with approval of the Sugar Hill Mayor and Council.

#### V.

- **Youth Mayor; Youth Mayor Pro Tem.** The YCSH shall elect from its members one member to serve as Youth Mayor and one member to serve as Youth Mayor Pro Tem, the terms of which shall run concurrent with the elected member's current term of office. The Youth Mayor shall preside over meetings of the YCSH, and shall serve as the liaison between the YCSH and the Sugar Hill City Council. The Youth Mayor Pro Tem shall preside over meetings of the YCSH in the absence of the Youth Mayor. The presiding officer at any meeting shall have the right to vote on a measure before the YCSH only in the event of a tie vote.

#### VI.

**Committees.** The YCSH may establish committees as needed to assist the YCSH in carrying out its plans, goals, and projects. Each committee shall have a chair, appointed by the Youth Mayor with the advice and consent of the YCSH, and as many members as deemed necessary by the chair.

#### VII.

**YCSH Procedures.** The YCSH shall have a quorum present at any meeting in order to conduct business. A quorum is one more than half of the YCSH voting membership. This Charter and any subsequent amendments to this Charter shall be approved by the YCSH, with concurrence by the Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council. The agendas of all YCSH meetings shall be posted publicly at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting. All YCSH activities shall be coordinated with the Youth Council Advisor(s). The YCSH shall, from time to time, establish such policies and procedures as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities as set forth herein.