



## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 19-351, **Version:** 1

---

**TITLE:**

Authorization for Staff to Bring Back a Consent Agenda Item Making Amendments to the Town Code Pertaining to the Youth Advisory Board

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is to amend the Youth Advisory Board language to make the membership language less confusing and more practical.

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Clerk

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Cathy Dorando

**INFORMATION:** During the 18-19 Youth Advisory Board (YAB) session the members voted to make the following practical changes to the Town Code:

- Allow for persons that are 14 years of age to serve (freshman)
- Allow members to be reappointed for up to 4 terms (allows service freshman-senior years)
- Change the liaison from Assistant to the Town Manager to a staff liaison selected by the Mayor and Town Manager (Currently Town Clerk)
- Amend the requirement to select officers at the first meeting of the YAB (this will allow them to get to know one another beforehand)
- Remove language that authorizes the Board of Aldermen to “remove members for conduct detrimental to the performance and function of the Board.” (The YAB thought this allowed for too much human discretion and judgement of character.)

Alderman Foushee spoke with the Town Clerk about a youth in the community that was confused over membership requirements and she recommended that the language in the Code be amended to be as clear and easy to understand as possible. After review, it is recommended that the following change is adopted to meet this goal:

- Remove equal representative language for area high schools to clarify that members are accepted if they meet one of the following three requirements:
  - Live in Carrboro’s jurisdiction; or,
  - Work in Carrboro; or,
  - Attend public/private/homeschool.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Mayor and Board adopt the attached resolution

authorizing staff to bring back a consent agenda item making the changes to the Town Code.