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Deadline Extended for City's 14-18-Year-Olds To Apply to Serve on Youth Advisory Council

FREDERICK, MD – July 27, 2018: The deadline has been extended to apply to serve on the City's new Youth Advisory Council, starting this fall.

The City invites its 14- to 18-year-olds to apply through Sept. 28.

Aldermen unanimously voted to create the council to increase participation by young people in City decisions. The council will consist of 18 total members, 13 voting and five non-voting. Each member will be appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. City residents ages 14 to 18 will make up the voting members. Adult professionals from local organizations that specialize in providing youth services will serve as non-voting members.

Youth may apply to serve on the council [online](http://www.cityoffrederick.com/yac) (www.cityoffrederick.com/yac), and/or by sending letters of interest to Deputy Director Bob Smith, Parks and Recreation Department, 121 N. Bentz St., Frederick, MD 21701.

"This council offers youth a real opportunity to get involved in their community in a substantial and meaningful way," said Alderman Roger Wilson, who initiated the plan to create the council.

The Youth Advisory Council's primary goal is to expand youth involvement and gain insight from youth so their voices can be heard, and to address a concern about the lack of opportunities for emerging adults in the Frederick community. Wilson also hopes that the council will encourage more young people to become involved in public service.

The council has a mission to provide advice on legislation, assist the City's Parks and Recreation Department, and work with the Human Resources Department to develop student programs. The

Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County and other local organizations have also expressed their support for the council.

Mayor Michael O'Connor said this is a genuine opportunity for young people to be active in their community, while collaborating with adults to encourage them to communicate on topics that matter to them.

“This goes to the heart of my intention to broaden citizen engagement,” O'Connor said.

Further information is available from Smith, via email, bsmith@cityoffrederick.com.

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