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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 46 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-203</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Richard A. Clark, City Manager	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, regarding the Youth Advisory Board, to allow persons under the age of 23 to participate as youth members of the board.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the amended ordinance which allows persons under the age of 23 to participate as youth members of the board. Previously, the ordinance provided for persons under the age of 19 to act as youth members of the board. This ordinance change would extend that age limit to include persons of college age to participate as youth members.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

This amendment allows for persons under the age of 23 to participate as youth members of the board. This change has been discussed as an option to aid in youth member turn-over and to assist in recruiting a strong leadership of older individuals to help guide the board in reaching their goals and successfully implementing their annual action plans.

The four at-large representative seats may be filled by persons under the age of 23, whether or not affiliated with a college or university, but that have residency in the City of Des Moines. The four representatives from community organizations may be filled by persons under the age of 23 affiliated with a college or university within the City of Des Moines.

This amendment also lengthens the term for youth members with no less than 15 months and no more than 111 months. The current ordinance states that they can serve no more than 51 months.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 8, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-448

Action: Request from the Youth Advisory Board to speak regarding Des Moines Palooza. Moved by Hensley to receive and file comments. Motion Carried 5-2.

Date: January 28, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-148

Action: Request to speak from the Youth Advisory Board. Moved by Vlassis to receive and file comments and support the forum on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 10, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1936

Action: Request from the Youth Advisory Board to speak regarding Des Moines Palooza. Moved by Hensley to receive and file comments. Motion Carried 5-2.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): Youth Advisory Board**

Date: April 6, 2010

Action: The board unanimously voted to accept the final amended changes to Chapter 2, Division 5, and present to Council at the April 26, 2010 meeting.

Date: February 2, 2010

Action: The board unanimously voted to change the youth membership requirements in Chapter 2, Division 5, to allow for students under the age of 23.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Final consideration and approval of amended ordinance.

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