



NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA YOUTH COMMISSION BYLAWS

Article I: Name and Purpose

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the Newton County Youth Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Newton County Youth Commission”).

1.2 The purpose of the Commission is to provide a platform for youth to have a voice in the community and to advocate for issues that affect them. The Newton County Youth Commission will work to empower youth and provide opportunities for them to develop leadership skills and civic engagement.

Article II: Membership

2.1 The Newton County Youth Commission shall consist of members who are between the ages of 12 and 18, who reside within the community, and who have a desire to make a positive impact in their community.

2.2 Membership in the Newton County Youth Commission is voluntary and open to all eligible youth.

2.3 Members must attend at least 50% of all meetings and events and participate in at least one committee or project per year to maintain active membership.

Article III: Officers

3.1 The officers of the Newton County Youth Commission shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

3.2 The officers shall be elected by the members of the Newton County Youth Commission and shall serve for one year.

3.3 The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Newton County Youth Commission and shall be the official spokesperson for the Commission.

Article IV: Meetings

4.1 The Newton County Youth Commission shall hold regular meetings at least once per month.

4.2 Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the members.

4.3 A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members.

4.4 Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

Article V: Committees

5.1 The Newton County Youth Commission may establish committees as needed to carry out its purpose.

5.2 The Chair shall appoint the chairpersons of all committees.

5.3 Committee meetings shall be open to all members of the Newton County Youth Commission.



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Article VI: Finances

6.1 The Newton County Youth Commission shall be a non-profit organization and shall not have any members who receive any financial gain from the organization.

6.2 The Newton County Youth Commission shall maintain a bank account and all funds shall be deposited in this account.

6.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of the Newton County Youth Commission's finances and shall provide a financial report at each meeting.

6.4 The Newton County Youth Commission shall be funded by grants, donations, and fundraisers.

Article VII: Amendments

7.1 These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous meeting.

Article VIII: Dissolution

8.1 The Newton County Youth Commission may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting.

8.2 In the event of dissolution, any assets of the Newton County Youth Commission shall be distributed to an organization with similar goals and purposes.

Article IX: Effective Date

9.1 These bylaws shall become effective upon adoption by the members of the Newton County Youth Commission.

Article X: Compensation

10.0 Each Newton County Youth commissioner will be compensated a stipend of \$4,000.00 for the year. Each stipend will be distributed at each of the 12- Newton County Youth commission meetings in the amount of \$150.00. Each Newton County Youth Commissioner will also have \$2200.00 available for educational/political trips with the youth commissioners, and associated expenses, to make up the \$4000.00 total annual stipend amount.