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Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title One-Administrative, Article IX-Boards, Commissions and Authorities, by amending Chapter §178B.01 - §178B.02: Propel Pittsburgh Commission in order to create the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission.

WHEREAS, the retention and attraction of young people between the ages of (20-34) is a very important issue and the City of Pittsburgh has an obligation to focus attention and resources on issues affecting our City's young adults and young professionals, but not limited to, providing an opportunity for young citizens to provide input to the City of Pittsburgh on economical, social, political, cultural, diversity, and clean and safe matters to help meet the needs of our city's young adults; and

WHEREAS, the young adults are the future of the City of Pittsburgh and are an invaluable resource that must be heard from and included in the decision making process of the city of Pittsburgh and its government; and

WHEREAS, Mayor William Peduto and the City of Pittsburgh are committed to working with young adults to address their concerns and needs and to ensure that the needs and concerns of young adults are addressed in a comprehensive and meaningful way through the advancement of a commission to address the same; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Mayor William Peduto to advance the establishment of the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission, through the amendment of the currently existing Propel Pittsburgh Commission, consisting of young who are dedicated to meeting the concerns and needs of the City of Pittsburgh's young adults to ensure participation in government, identify or create programmatic or policy opportunities to address those prioritized needs and to inform elected and appointed officials representing young people about programmatic and policy opportunities to help the young adults of Pittsburgh become engaged, connected, and play a major role in continuing to move the City of Pittsburgh forward.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. By amending Chapter 178B, formerly entitled Propel Pittsburgh Commission, now to be entitled Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission ("YPAC"), of the Pittsburgh City Code, shall be amended as follows:

§178B.01 Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission

Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission shall consist of a diverse group of fifteen (15) City of Pittsburgh residents who are between the ages of 20-34 at the beginning their term, selected from the community at large. If past members have moved out of the city they will be allowed to serve in an advisory role at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The composition shall be established to allow representatives of City Council to nominate one (1) representative from their respective council district. Members of the Commission may also make recommendations for new appointees to the Mayor and City Council. All commissioners will be

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ultimately appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. Members from the former Propel Pittsburgh Commission, who have already been confirmed on the Commission, as formerly appointed by Council, shall advance to serve on the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission. Vacancies in the initial composition of the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission shall be filled according to the bylaws of the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission, with strong deference given to nominations by the Mayor and City Council.

Appointments shall be representative of those listed above, with consideration given to city geography and diversity. Appointments shall be made without regard to color, race, religion, income, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, national origin, parental or marital status, ancestry and/or disability.

§178B.02 Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission; Meetings and Chair

The Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission shall elect a chair by majority vote of its members at its first meeting each calendar year, according to its bylaws. The Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission shall meet at least every other month and may establish committees as deemed necessary. The membership of each committee shall include no less than one (1) member of the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission.

§178B.03 Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission; Vacancy

The term of each member shall be for three years. Their successors shall be nominated on the expiration of their respective terms in accordance with the bylaws. The appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term.

§178B.04 Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission; Regulations

- (a.) A simple majority of the then standing commission members shall constitute a quorum.
- (b.) The Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission shall establish regulations for its own organization and procedure, consistent with the laws of the commonwealth and of this code.
- (c.) Members shall serve without compensation.

§178B.05 Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission; Powers and Duties

The Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission shall have the responsibility, duty and power to address the needs of young adults and young professionals; to identify or propose the creation of policies and programmatic opportunities; to address those needs and to inform the necessary elected and appointed officials of those needs. As well, the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission shall serve as the meaningful voice to ensure that young adults and young professionals are being engaged with the City of Pittsburgh. All City Council Members and the Mayor shall work with the Young Pittsburgh Advisory Commission to develop, facilitate, and advocate for a legislative agenda including policies and programs designed to attract, retain, and engage young Pittsburghers.

§ 178B.06 Effective Date

The ordinance shall become effective upon the date the Mayor's signature.