

# City of Anderson

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*The vision for the Mayor's Youth Council is to empower caring youth dedicated to personal development and servant leadership.*

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

The City of Anderson is proud to continue offering an exciting opportunity for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students this year; the Mayor's Youth Commission Council. The Youth Council seeks to provide our youth an opportunity to increase their knowledge of civic education through practical hands-on experience.

The Mayor's Youth Commission Council will:

- Involve youth in local government through participation on local boards and committees;
- Increase youth voice and communication in Anderson's future direction;
- Increase volunteerism among youth and adults in civic affairs; and
- Enhance civic education through teacher training.

**Youth Council members have been selected by your school's administration.**

*An ideal Youth Council is composed of a diverse group of young people that represent ALL youth in Anderson. Your child was chosen because he/she demonstrates leadership and enthusiasm in making a difference here in Anderson. WE WILL GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO JUST THAT!*

Thirty of the Youth Council members will be voting members from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and 3 will be non-voting Youth Council apprentices from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. These 9<sup>th</sup> grade members will take part in all Commission activities and learn the role of a Council member so that they can assume the role upon entering the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. All members will be required to attend monthly meetings.

The first Youth Council meeting will take place Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

- 6:30 p.m. – Meet and greet with the Mayor and other city officials.
- 7 p.m. – Students will meet for their first city council meeting where they will be sworn in by City Clerk, Sheila Ashley, as official members of the Mayor's Youth Council.
- 8/9 p.m. - End of City Council Meeting.

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If you have additional questions about the Anderson Youth Council, please contact Darla Couch: 765.648.5947 office, 765.606.1288 cell, or [dcouch@cityofanderson.com](mailto:dcouch@cityofanderson.com). Please note that the applications are due by *September 12, 2014*.

**Kind Regards,**

**Darla R. Couch on behalf of Mayor Kevin S. Smith**

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