

RESOLUTION NO. 1674-19-01-22-0585

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A TEEN COURT AS AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE AT PFLUGERVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR JUVENILE DEFENDANTS AGES 10-17 OR THOSE WHO ARE ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED SECONDARY SCHOOL IN A PROGRAM LEADING TOWARD A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, AND ESTABLISHING A FEE

WHEREAS, Teen Courts are used in Municipal Courts throughout the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Pflugerville City Council asked Municipal Court Judge Farren Sheehan to determine the viability of a Teen Court in Pflugerville; and

WHEREAS, Teen Courts provide an alternative to traditional Municipal Court options by emphasizing community service which dispenses juvenile cases in a positive and effective manner while educating teens about the law; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court holds the teen accountable for actions by taking personal responsibility while benefitting from positive peer interaction; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sheehan and Associate Judge Caroline Davis attended Teen Court training to learn about the advantages and administration of a teen court.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Pflugerville City Council establishes a Teen Court as an alternative for juvenile defendants between the ages of 10-17 or those are enrolled fulltime in an accredited secondary school in a program leading toward a high school diploma.
2. A fee of \$20 will be charged for participation in Teen Court to cover the costs of administration for the Teen Court as allowed by state law.
3. The Pflugerville City Council shall formally review the Teen Court program in August 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of January, 2019.

CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Thompson

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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