

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH
OF WEST READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE
ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH'S JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON
PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, West Reading Borough Council seeks to educate and involve youth in their local government, and to reach out to involve possible future members of Council, to benefit both the youth and all residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Council Person (JCP) Program as established and fostered by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), seeks to encourage Boroughs to have high school or college age students to participate in the workings of local government by appointing Junior Council Person(s); and

WHEREAS, Borough Council intends to seek assistance from High School or College faculty members and guidance counselors to recommend prospective Junior Council candidates to Council, and Council plans to select student(s) to serve as Junior Council Person(s); and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to extend to the youth a voice in the operation of this Borough and this Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Council of the Borough of West Reading hereby creates the position of "Junior Council Person".
2. Candidates for the office may submit a written application to Borough Council with a one-page cover letter highlighting the applicant's interest in the position. After considering all submissions, Borough Council shall appoint student(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting one or two-year term(s).
3. The Junior Council Person shall be a high school or college student, who may be a borough resident.
4. The Junior Council Person shall, upon appointment, take a "Junior Council Person Pledge."
5. The Junior Council Person shall not receive compensation.

6. The Junior Council Person shall be permitted to attend all meetings of Council, all committee meetings, community events, and budget sessions and shall be permitted to participate fully in those proceedings, EXCEPT that he/she shall not be afforded the right to vote and shall not be permitted to attend executive sessions.
7. Upon completion of the program, the Junior Council Person will be submitted for recognition from PSAB as a Distinguished Junior Council Person, provided the JCP meets criteria set by PSAB to be recognized.
8. The Junior Council Person may utilize this program towards community service or internship credit at their respective school, provided that the JCP meets all requirements and hours set forth by their institution.

Adopted at a duly constituted meeting of Borough Council this 15th day of August 2023.

BOROUGH OF WEST READING

By: _____

Ryan Lineaweaver, Borough Council President

Attest: _____

Cynthia Madeira

Cynthia Madeira, Borough Secretary

Examined and approved this 15th day of August 2023.

Samantha Kaag, Mayor