

CITY OF MIDWAY, KENTUCKY
RESOLUTION 2019-07

WHEREAS, the councils for the City of Versailles and the City of Midway and the Woodford County Fiscal Court desire to work together to improve the health and quality of life for older people in our community; and

WHEREAS, the world population of people aged 60 and over is expected to grow from 600 million in 2000 to almost 2 billion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the population of people aged 65 and over is expected to grow from 35 million in 2000 to 88.5 million by 2050, taking the total share of the 65+ population from 12 percent to 20 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, in Woodford County the percentage of the population over age 65 is 18.8% and growing; and

WHEREAS, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

WHEREAS, access to quality health care and long-term services and supports is essential for individuals to live in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, of the 80 percent of adults age 65 and older living in metropolitan areas, 64 percent live outside the principal cities of these areas in suburban and rural locations that tend to be auto dependent, creating challenges for residents who do not drive; and

WHEREAS, 21 percent of adults age 65 and older do not drive, and more than half of these non-drivers do not leave home on a given day, in part because they lack transportation options; and

WHEREAS, reduced mobility for older non-drivers leads to 15 percent fewer trips to the doctor, 59 percent fewer shopping trips and visits to restaurants, and 65 percent fewer trips for social, family and religious activities; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies to increase the number of cities and communities that support healthy ageing and thereby improve the health, well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans; and

WHEREAS, active ageing is a life-long process, whereby an age-friendly community is not just "elder-friendly" but also intended to be friendly for all ages, and

WHEREAS, the WHO has noted that "[m]aking cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic ageing," and

WHEREAS, the WHO has developed eight domains of community life that influence the health and quality of life of older people:

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings - accessibility to and availability of clean, safe community centers, parks, and other recreational facilities;
2. Transportation - safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation, "Complete Streets" types of initiatives, hospitable built environments;
3. Housing - wide range of housing options for older residents, ageing in place and other home modification programs, housing that is accessible to transportation and community and health services;
4. Social participation - access to leisure and cultural activities, opportunities for older residents to participate in social and civic engagement with their peers and younger people;
5. Respect and social inclusion - programs to support and promote ethnic and cultural diversity, programs to encourage multigenerational interaction and dialogue, programs to combat loneliness and isolation among older residents;
6. Civic participation and employment – promotion of paid work and volunteer opportunities for older residents; opportunities for older residents to engage in formulation of policies relevant to their lives;
7. Communication and information – promotion of and access to the use of technology to keep older residents connected to their community and friends and family, both near and far; and
8. Community support and health services - access to homecare services, clinics, programs to promote active ageing (physical exercise and healthy habits); and

WHEREAS, the WHO recognizes that cities and communities have different needs, resources, and varying capacities to engage their resources to take action to facilitate active ageing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Midway City Council to support initiatives and opportunities to engage in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network. Further, in recognition of joint efforts to promote and expand age friendly communities in Woodford County and the City of Midway, we do hereby resolve to support them in this effort. Further, we do order and authorize a joint committee comprised of the community to evaluate opportunities to engage in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. The Committee shall actively seek input from diverse stakeholders. At least twenty-five percent of the Committee members shall be residents of the community and shall include older residents. Approved and adopted by the Midway City Council on this 13th day of August, 2019.

APPROVED with _____ yea votes and _____ nay votes

Grayson Vandegrift, Mayor

Cindy Foster, City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF MIDWAY, KENTUCKY
RESOLUTION 2019-08

WHEREAS, the Councils for City of Versailles and the City of Midway and the Woodford County Fiscal Court desire to work together to support and encourage youth involvement and input in the civic and governmental process; and

WHEREAS, the youth of Woodford County represent our future and should be encouraged and educated to learn about and take part in our community's growth and progress; and

WHEREAS, Woodford County values education as a top priority and pride ourselves in our schools and the most college degrees per capita in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, our community values civic involvement and pride ourselves in consistently having the highest voter turnout percentages in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, we want to cultivate civic engagement among our youth to pass on our shared community values of prioritizing education, specifically civic education, and being involved in the democratic process, voting, taking part in local government; and

WHEREAS, the voices of young people carry great weight given the decisions made today have long-term impacts; and

WHEREAS, we want to find ways and opportunities to keep and retain our youth to live, work and raise their families in the community in which they were raised; and

WHEREAS, our community is blessed with an abundance of bright and energetic young Woodford Countians willing to volunteer their time and talents toward the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, the elected executives of Woodford County, Versailles, and Midway along with the respective legislative bodies seek to elevate the voices of the youth in Woodford County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Midway City Council that the Woodford County Youth Council is hereby duly and jointly established by Woodford County, the City of Versailles and the City of Midway to advise local governments on matters important to youth.

The initial membership of the Woodford County Youth Council shall consist of:

A member chosen to represent Woodford County 4-H A member chosen to represent Woodford County FFA. A member chosen by the officers of the Freshman Class Student Council A member chosen by the officers of the Sophomore Class Student Council. A member chosen by the officers of the Junior Class Student Council. A member chosen by the officers of the Senior Class Student Council. A member appointed by the Woodford County Judge/Executive. A member appointed by the Versailles Mayor. A member appointed by the Midway Mayor.

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