

AGENDA**Recommendation for Council Action****AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL****Regular Meeting : February 1, 2018**Item Number: **072****Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)**

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance adopting local standards of care for the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Programs. (Suggested date and time, February 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street).

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department
Fiscal Note	There is no financial impact for this item.
Prior Council Action	February 16, 2017-Council adopted the local standards of care
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	January 23, 2018-To be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board

Additional Backup Information:

The State of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services administers state regulations and general licensing procedures for all child-care facilities. An exemption from licensing is available to the City of Austin in operating elementary and middle school-age recreation programs if the City annually adopts standards of care by ordinance.

Adopting the standards of care by ordinance requires an annual public hearing (proposed to be set for February 15, 2018) and subsequent adoption. The local standards of care are provided to parents of each program participant. The ordinance must include minimum staffing ratios; minimum staff qualifications; minimum facility, health and safety standards; and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards. This ordinance complies with the minimum requirements. Adoption of the ordinance will result in appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs for youth.