



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3766, **Agenda Item #:** 56.

1/27/2022

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance adopting Local Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Programs. (Suggested date: February 17, 2022 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

February 4, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210204-53 on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

Davin Bjornaas, Program Manager, 512-974-5665; Nan Dowling, Records Analyst, 512-974-6719.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 30, 2021 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Kimberly Taylor and Nancy Barnard absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services administers State regulations and general licensing procedures for all child-care facilities. The City of Austin is exempt from Child Care Licensure for elementary-age (ages 5-13) recreation programs, provided that the governing body annually conducts a public hearing and adopts local standards of care by ordinance.

The local standards of care 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. The local standards of care ordinance must also be provided to the parents of each program participant.

The proposed ordinance complies with the minimum requirements and its adoption will result in appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs for youth.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Culture and Lifelong Learning.