



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1243, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

3/9/2023

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 and location: April 13, 2023, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

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Prior Council Action:

February 17, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20220217-040, the Local Standards of Care for 2022.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 27, 2023 - The Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled to vote on whether to recommend this item to Council at their February meeting.

Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services administers State regulations and general licensing procedures for all child-care facilities. Pursuant to Texas Human Resources Code §42.041, the City 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 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 parents or guardians of all program participants must be provided with a copy of the local standards of care and must be informed that the program is not licensed by the State. The program may not be advertised as a child-care facility.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Culture and Lifelong Learning.