



Local Standards of Care

Austin Parks and Recreation | February 2, 2026

State of Texas Human Resource Code Ch. 42 exempts municipalities of Child Care Licensure

- Annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing
- Specific to elementary-age (ages 5-13) programs
- Mechanism for monitoring and enforcing ordinance
- Minimum staffing/ supervision ratios
- Minimum staff qualifications
- Minimum facility, health and safety standards
- Means of distribution

Board Action



Approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to adopt Local Standards of Care for the City of Austin Parks and Recreation and Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment's Youth Programs

- Public Hearing as required for State of Texas, Child Care Licensing exemption for youth programs operated by a municipality.
- Austin City Council – March 26, 2026