

AGENDA



Thursday, January 29, 2009

Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 52**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance adopting the local standards of care for the Parks and Recreation Department's children's recreation program for 2009.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board

Prior Council Action: Council adopted the standards of care for Fiscal Year 2008 on January 17, 2008.

This ordinance re-establishes local standards of care for Parks and Recreation Department Programs for Children. Minor modifications were reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on December 16, 2008.

The State of Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services administers state regulations and general licensing procedures for all childcare facilities. An exemption from licensing is available to the City in operating elementary age recreation programs if the City Council annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing and the standards are provided to the parents of each program participant. The ordinance must include, at a 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 this regulation. Adoption of the ordinance will result in appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs.