

AGENDA



Thursday, March 24, 2011

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 60**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance adopting local standards of care for the Parks and Recreation Department's Childrens Recreation Program for 2011.

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.

This ordinance reestablishes and readopts existing local standards of care for Parks and Recreation Department programs for elementary-aged children. No material modifications were made during the annual review. The Parks Board on January 25, 2011 recommended the existing local standards for readoption.

The State of Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services administers state regulations and general licensing procedures for all child-care facilities. An exemption from licensing is available to the City in operating elementary-age recreation programs if the City annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing and 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 applicable state regulations. Adoption of the ordinance will result in appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs for children.