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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	25203	Agenda Number	121.
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Meeting Date:	8/8/2013	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance adopting local standards of care for the Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Recreation Programs.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Cheryl Bolin (512) 974-3920; Kimberly McNeeley (512) 974-9490; April Shaw (512) 974-6716.
Boards and Commission Action:	May 28, 2013 - Unanimously approved by Parks and Recreation Board on a 6-0 vote.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This hearing will consider a proposed ordinance to re-establish local standards of care for Parks and Recreation Department programs conducted for elementary and middle school-aged youth. 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 of Austin in operating elementary and middle school-age recreation programs if the City annually adopts standards of care by ordinance. Adopting the standards of care by ordinance requires a public hearing and upon adoption, the standards of care are provided to parents or guardians 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 satisfies relevant state requirements and meets or exceeds applicable minimum standards. Adoption of the ordinance will result in appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs for youth.

