



**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 27
AGENDA DATE: Thu 02/02/2006
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SUBJECT: Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance adopting local standards of care for the Parks and Recreation Department's children's recreation programs.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DIRECTOR'S AUTHORIZATION: Warren Struss

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Armistead, Division Manager, 974-6720

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Passed and approved by Council February 2005. Standards are subject to yearly review to comply with state regulations.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This ordinance re-establishes local standards of Care for Parks and Recreation Department Programs for Children.

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 Council annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing. 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 more appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs.