

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	54109	Agenda Number	62.
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Meeting Date:	2/25/2016	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

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

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	January 26, 2016 - Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 10-0.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This annual 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 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 the minimum requirements. Adoption of the ordinance will result in the application of appropriate standards of care to the City's recreation programs for youth.