



Recommendation for Action

File #: 18-4054, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

2/21/2019

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance adopting Local Standards of Care for the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Programs. (Suggested date: March 7, 2019, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

February 16, 2017-Council adopted the Local Standards of Care
February 15, 2018-Council adopted the Local Standards of Care

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 22, 2019-Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Casias and Ward absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The State of Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services administer 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 an annual public hearing and subsequent adoption. 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 the minimum requirements. Adoption of the ordinance will result in appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs for youth.