



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1015, **Agenda Item #:** 62.

1/23/2020

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance adopting the Local Standards of Care for the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Programs. (Suggested date: February 20, 2020, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation

Fiscal Note

There is no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

December 3, 2019 - Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Additional Backup Information:

The 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 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. The proposed ordinance complies with the minimum requirements, and its adoption will result in appropriate standards of care applied to the City's recreation programs for youth.