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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1953, Agenda Item #: 59.

5/19/2022

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance that temporarily amends 2022 Local Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Programs (Ordinance No. 20220217-040).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

February 17, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance 20220217-040 adopting Local Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Programs.

January 27, 2022 - Council set the public hearing date as February 17, 2022 to consider an ordinance adopting Local Standards of Care for Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Program.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 30, 2021 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 8-0, with Board Members Barnard and Taylor absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

This amendment is necessary to maintain summer camp customer registration levels at City recreation centers from June through August 2022.

Human Resources Code Chapter 42 provides the City an exemption to the State of Texas' child care license requirement. The exemption applies to recreation programs for children aged 5-13 operated by a municipality, provided the governing body of the municipality annually conducts a public hearing and adopts an ordinance establishing the local standards of care. The ordinance must include staffing ratios, minimum staff qualifications, minimum facility, health, and safety standards, and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the standards. The ordinance must further provide that the standards be provided to the parents or guardians of each program participant, that parents or guardians be informed that the programs are not licensed by the State, and the programs shall not be advertised as child-care facilities.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Culture and Lifelong Learning.