



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**CM/ DCM/ ACM:** Bryan Langley

**DATE:** March 20, 2018

### **SUBJECT**

Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, adopting Standards of Care for Youth/Teen Programs administered by Denton's Parks and Recreation Department pursuant to Texas Human Resources Code Section 42.041 (b) (14); and providing an effective date. The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board recommends approval (6-0).

### **BACKGROUND**

The Texas Department of Regulatory Services requires municipalities to adopt an ordinance approving a Standards of Care for specific types of programming. The Standards of Care are requirements that either meet or exceed the current State Day Care requirements and are intended to be minimum standards by which the City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) will operate its Youth/Teen Programs. The programs operated by PARD under the Standards of Care are recreational in nature and are not day care programs.

Senate Bill 212 was approved by the Texas Legislature during the 74th Legislative Session exempting recreation programs from day care licensing as long as a Standards of Care is adopted. In order to be exempt, an elementary-age (ages 5-13) recreation program may be operated by the municipality provided: the governing body of the municipality annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing for such programs, that such standards are provided to the parents of each program participant, and that the ordinances shall 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; and further provided that parents be informed that the program is not licensed by the state and the program may not be advertised as a child care facility.

The first Standards of Care was adopted by the City Council through Ordinance 99-365. The State changed the exemption certification to include the adoption of a new ordinance each year for the Standards of Care in order to maintain the exemption status. Each year PARD makes revisions and updates to the original Standards of Care.

Changes to the 2018-19 Standards of Care were presented to the Park Board on February 5, 2018. The following update was made to the 2018-19 Standards of Care and is listed below:

1. Due to staff changes contact names and phone numbers were updated.

The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board reviewed and unanimously recommended the City Council adopt the Standards of Care on February 5, 2018.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council approve the proposed ordinance as presented.

## **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

City Council approved the 2017-18 Standards of Care on April 18, 2017 by Ordinance 2017-130.

The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board reviewed the proposed 2018-19 Standards of Care on February 5, 2018, and recommended approval with a vote of 6-0.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP**

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

**Related Key Focus Area:**    **Safe, Liveable & Family-Friendly Community**  
**Related Goal:**                **4.1 Enhance public safety in the community**

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 Agenda Information Sheet  
Exhibit 2 Ordinance  
Exhibit 3 2018-19 Standards of Care

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