



# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

**MEETING DATE:** 05/26/2026

**PREPARED BY:** Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

**AGENDA CONTENT:** Conduct a public hearing, discussion, and possible action to receive comments regarding the 2026 Standards of Care under which the Angleton Parks and Recreation Department will operate youth recreational programs and to approve Ordinance No. 20260526-003 amending and adopting the 2026 Standards of Care for Youth Programs by revising Chapter 17 – Parks and Recreation, Article 1 – In General, Section 17-3 Standards of Care for Youth Recreational Programs.

**AGENDA ITEM SECTION:** Public Hearing

**BUDGETED AMOUNT:** N/A

**FUNDS REQUESTED:** N/A

**FUND:** N/A

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Section 42.041(b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code, municipalities are exempt from state childcare licensing requirements for elementary-age (ages 5–13) recreational programs, provided the governing body annually adopts standards of care by ordinance following a public hearing.

On April 8, 2025, City Council adopted the current Standards of Care through ordinance. To maintain compliance with state law, the City Council must adopt updated Standards of Care for 2026.

The proposed Standards of Care for 2026, included as Exhibit “A,” establish minimum requirements for:

- Staffing ratios
- Staff qualifications and training
- Facility, health, and safety standards
- Monitoring and enforcement procedures

These standards also ensure parents are informed that:

- The program is not licensed by the State of Texas, and

- The program will not be advertised as a childcare facility

Staff will provide the adopted Standards of Care to all program participants' parents during registration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council approve Ordinance No. 20260526-003 adopting the Standards of Care for 2026 for youth programs offered by the City of Angleton and revising Chapter 17 – Parks and Recreation, Article 1 – In General, Section 17-3 – Standards of Care; providing for severability; providing for repeal; and providing an effective date.