



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2022

Agenda Item Wording: **Public hearing, discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance adopting City of Dripping Springs Youth Programs' Standards of Care for the City's recreational programs.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Mack Rusick, Programs & Aquatics Manager

Summary/Background: The Standards of Care are intended to be minimum standards by which the city will operate the city's youth programs. The programs operated by the city are recreational in nature and are not day care programs. Pursuant to the Texas Human Resources Code, the City is required to adopt and update standards related to the staffing ratios, staff qualifications, minimum health and safety standards, and monitoring and enforcing related to youth programs in order to maintain its exemption from state licensing. The standards should be reviewed and approved annually by the City Council after a public hearing is held.

Changes to the standards are redlined and include changing the minimum age of staff from 18 to 15 years old, changing “must” and “should” to “shall”, changing the name of the summer camp to Coyote Kids Nature Camp, and adding other city day camps to the youth programs covered by the standards.

Commission Recommendations: N/A

Recommended Council Actions: Recommend approval.

Attachments: Ordinance adopting the Standards of Care, revised Standards of Care.

Next Steps/Schedule: Publish on Municode, review standards with camp staff, and provide the revised standards to parents/guardians of registered campers.