



STAFF REPORT
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City Council Meeting Date: March 25, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: **Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of proposed amendments to the Standards of Care Ordinance, Chapter 16 Public Ways and Places, Article 16.02. Parks and Recreation, Division 3. Youth Programs' Standards of Care.**

Agenda Item Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

Summary/Background: Based on Council feedback and further staff review, the following additional refinements have been made to the proposed amendments:

1. Terminology Clarification

- Changed references from “city staff”, “staff” and “program staff” to “camp counselors” throughout the ordinance.
- This provides consistency and leverages the existing definition of “Camp counselor”, which means:

“The city staff that has been hired or volunteered to work for the city and have been assigned responsibility for managing, administering, or implementing some or all portions of the city's youth programs. This definition also includes camp director.”

2. Criminal Background Checks

- Modified Section 16.02.106(b) to clarify that criminal background checks may be conducted on prospective camp counsellors between the ages of 15 and 18 years old.

3. Accommodations

- Added Section 16.02.106(f) to codify City's facilitation of reasonable accommodations pursuant to state and federal law.

4. Incident Reporting

- Modified Section 16.02.111(b) to add requirement for incident report to be provided to a parent or other authorized adult and filed with the camp director.

Previous Changes Maintained:

1. Clarifying that transportation qualifications in section 16.02.113 apply to 14-passenger vans.
2. Clarifying that the Parks designee, rather than the DSRP Manager specifically, shall submit an annual report on the camp to the parks and community services director.
3. Clarifying that criminal background checks will be conducted on prospective summer day camp employees over the age of 18.

Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation:

Recommended approval of changes to Youth Programs' Standard of Care Ordinance at its February 19, 2025 meeting, prior to further changes proposed following City Council's discussion at its March 9, 2025 meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend approval of changes to Youth Programs' Standard of Care Ordinance.

Attachments:

Draft Ordinance