



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: March 5, 2024

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. Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks**

Agenda Item Sponsor: Sherrie Parks

Summary/Background: Division 3: Youth Programs' Standards of Care also needs to be approved by City Council on a yearly basis. In 1995, during the 74th State Legislation Session, Senate Bill 212 was passed. This bill exempts certain youth programs from child-care licensing requirements including elementary-age (ages 5-13) recreation program operated by a municipality.

The governing body of the municipality must annually adopt "Standards of Care" by Ordinance with public hearing. The ordinances shall include, staffing ratios, staff qualifications, facility, health, and safety standards, and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards; and further provide 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.

Notable changes include adding a section on transportation to the Standards of Care ordinance.

Commission Recommendation: PRC approved the edits to the Standards of Care on February 21, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of changes to Article 16.02 Parks and Recreation.

Attachments: Article 16.02 Parks & Recreation Strikethrough Copy
Youth Programs Standard of Care Ordinance
Senate Bill 212 1995

Next Steps/Schedule: Place on the March 5, 2024, City Council agenda for approval.