



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Andrew Binz, Parks and Community Services Director

City Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and recommend approval of the proposed changes to Article 16.02 Parks and Recreation in the City Code of Ordinances.

Agenda Item Sponsor: Sherrie Parks

Summary/Background: The Parks & Community Services staff conducted a review of Article 16.02. Parks and Recreation in the City Code of Ordinances. As part of the Park System Signage Phase 1 project, a new Pedestrian Information Kiosk with Park Rules is scheduled to be installed at Founders Memorial Park. Staff recognized this as an opportunity to review our ordinances before new signs are made and installed.

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.

The National Recreation and Parks Association comes out with a yearly Agency Performance Review. This report is the most comprehensive resource of data and insights for park and recreation agencies in the United States. Staff has provided the data regarding tobacco and alcohol policies within parks and recreation facilities by agencies in 2022.

Commission Recommendation: The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval at their February 6, 2023, meeting with a vote of 7 – 0.

Staff

Recommend approval of the changes to Article 16.02 Parks and Recreation.

Recommendations:

Attachments:

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NRPA Alcohol and Tobacco Policies Data

Next Steps/Schedule: