

Finance Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	May 28, 2024
Agenda Item:	Volunteer Background Check
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

- 1. The City of Whitewater Summer Sports season is dependent upon the generosity of individuals willing to coach and assist with youth sports.
- Conducting background checks on volunteers for youth sports is crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. These checks help to identify individuals who may pose a risk to children, thereby preventing potential harm.
- 3. Citizens expressed concern that our background check was too intrusive and irrelevant.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS - COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

Staff was unable to locate a policy or procedures regarding volunteer coach background checks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Minimal – background checks cost \$7/check.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

As a result of the citizens' concerns, the attached policy was drafted outlining clearly what information will be collected and what offenses will result in disqualification. Staff recommends adopting the policy.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Draft Volunteer Background Check Policy