



## Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 18, 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.
2. 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.
4. The City Attorney reviewed the policy and added a definition of direct contact to Section I. Purpose

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

1. Staff was unable to locate previous policy or procedures regarding volunteer coach background checks.
2. The Finance Committee reviewed the policy at the May 28, 2024 meeting, requested additional information and voted unanimously to send the policy to the Common Council for approval.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Minimal – background checks cost \$7/check.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting the policy.

### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Volunteer Background Check Policy