

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance regarding Youth Programs Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department plans to offer elementary-age day camp programs for children ages 5-13, as we have for many years. The Texas Legislature requires municipal day camp youth programs for these ages to meet day care licensing requirements or file for an exemption (Section 42.041 (b) (14) of the Human Resources Code). To receive exempt status, a municipality must submit a copy of program standards, a notice of a public hearing for the program and a copy of the ordinance adopting the standards.

Youth Programs Standards of Care will provide basic child care regulations for day camp activities operated by the New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department. This will allow the department to qualify as exempt from requirements of the Texas Human Resources Code.

The Standards of Care will include:

- Staff ratios
- Minimum staff qualifications
- Minimum facility, health, and safety standards
- Mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards
- Provide notice to parents that the day camp program is not licensed by the state

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

X	Yes	City Plan/Council Priority	Strategic Priorities: Effective Management: Maintain an ongoing program to provide exemplary customer service.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of the ordinance for Youth Program Standards of Care at their meeting on March 19, 2019.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance for Youth Program Standards.