

Legislation Text

File #: 21-565, **Version:** 1

PRESENTER:

Stacey Dicke, Parks and Recreation Director

SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding Youth Programs Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department.

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: All

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Parks and Recreation Department plans to offer elementary-age day camp programs for children ages 5-13, as has been done for many years. The Texas Legislature requires municipal day camp 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 childcare 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

The Standards of Care will apply to all locations where programs are offered including Das Rec, Landa Recreation Center, and Fischer Park Nature Center.

City Council unanimously approved the first reading of the ordinance on May 24, 2021.

ISSUE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the second reading of an ordinance regarding Youth Program Standards of Care.