



**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

April 12, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Youth Programs Standards of Care for the Operation of Youth-Based Programs and Services

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ray McDonald, Director of Parks and Community Services

**REFERENCE NO:** Ordinance No. 2103

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Receive public input regarding the request to renew Youth Programs Standards of Care for the operation of youth-based programs and services to approve Ordinance No. 2103. These adopted standards are an annual Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services requirement for receiving an exempt status for day care licensing.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Approve the request with modifications
- Table the request
- Deny the request

**SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:**

The Texas Legislature requires that certain municipal programs for elementary aged children (5-13 years old) meet day care licensing requirements, or file for an exemption (Section 42.041 [b] [14] of the Human Resources Code). In order to receive exempt status, a municipality must submit a copy of the program standards, notice of a public hearing for the programs and the ordinance adopting the standards.

Youth Program Standards of Care will provide basic child care regulations for day camp and other program activities, while allowing the department(s) to qualify as exempt from the licensing requirements.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- Ordinance No. 2103
- Notice of Public Hearing

**APPROVED BY:**

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office