



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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PRD- Standards of Care

Agenda Item#: 39.

Background:

The Standards of Care are intended to be the minimum standards HPARD will use to operate the After-School Enrichment Program. The program offers a wide range of recreational activities including arts and crafts, sports, games, field trips, and cultural and special events.

HPARD's After-School Enrichment Program is subject to regulation. However, the Texas Human Resources Code 42.041 (b) (14) provides an exemption for a recreation program for elementary children (ages 5-13) with the following criteria:

- A municipality operates the program
- The governing body of the municipality annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing for such programs
- The program provides these standards of care to the parents of each program participant
- The ordinance includes child/caregiver ratios, minimum employee qualifications, minimum employee qualifications, minimum building, health and safety standards, and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards
- The program informs the parents that the state does not license the program and
- The program does not advertise itself as a child-care operation

The HPARD After-School Enrichment Program meets all of the above criteria for exemption. HPARD is not recommending any changes to the Ordinance.

Director's Signature:

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Steve Wright, Director

Houston Parks and Recreation Department

Prior Council Action:

August 7, 2019 Ordinance 2019-593

Motion to Set Date for Public Hearing on Standards of Care 09/02/2020

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