Legislation Text

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Consider and take action on Ordinance 2023-11 re-adopting standards of care for the League City Youth Recreation Programs to address staffing ratios, health standards and staff qualifications - Second Reading (Director of Parks & Cultural Services)

City Council approved first reading 8-0-0 on April 25, 2023.

The Standards of Care are intended to be the minimum standards League City will use of operate its youth recreation program. The program offers a wide range of recreational activities including arts and crafts, sports, games, field trips, and cultural and special events.

Generally, youth recreation programs must obtain a license from the state. 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 League City youth recreation program meets all the above criteria for exemption. Staff is recommending approval of the ordinance.

Attachments:
1. Data Sheet
2. Ordinance 2023-11
3. Exhibit A - League City Youth Recreation Program Standards of Care

FUNDING
{ } Funds are available from Account #_____
{ } Requires Budget Amendment to transfer from Account #_____ to Account #_____
{x} NOT APPLICABLE

STRATEGIC PLANNING
{ X } Addresses Strategic Planning Critical Success Factor # 4 Quality Community Amenities