

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City of Seguin Mayor and Council

**From:** Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

**Through:** Steve Parker, City Manager  
Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

**Subject:** Public Hearing and Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 74, Parks, amending Article IV, Standards of Care for Youth Recreation Programs; providing for publication of this ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing for an effective date; and authorizing city staff to prepare this ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

**Date:** March 16, 2021

The State of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services administers state regulations and general licensing procedures for all child-care facilities. Municipalities can choose to be exempted from the licensing requirements and applicable state regulations if certain conditions are met, and provided the municipality annually adopts by ordinance standards of care after a public hearing. Additionally, the following criteria must be met in order to receive the exemption:

- Standards of care are provided to the parents of each program participant.
- Ordinance includes at a minimum: staffing ratios; staff qualifications; facility, health, and safety standards; and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards.
- Parents are informed that the program is not operated or advertised as a licensed day care.

As part of the State's requirement for the exemption, the City of Seguin will hold an annual public hearing on the Standards of Care for Youth Recreation Programs and the City Council will formally adopt them as part of an ordinance (Exhibit A). The proposed Standards of Care for Youth Recreation Programs (Parent Handbook) is currently what is in use and given to all parents in the youth recreation programs including being posted online.

At the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on March 1, 2021, the Board unanimously recommended approval for City Council to consider adoption of the Standards of Care for Youth Recreation Programs (Exhibit A). City staff recommends approval on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 74, Parks, amending Article IV, Standards of Care for Youth Recreation Programs; providing for publication of this ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing for an effective date; and authorizing city staff to prepare this ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances.