

Ordinance NO. 7047

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS, ADOPTING STANDARDS OF CARE FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE CITY OF GARLAND PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT; DIRECTING THAT A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE ADOPTED STANDARDS OF CARE AND OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION BE DELIVERED TO THE STATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Human Resource Code, Section (b) (14) establishes requirements to exempt recreational programs operated by municipalities for children from State child care licensing;

WHEREAS, in order to receive exempt status for an elementary age (ages 5-13) recreation program, a municipality must a standards of care ordinance after a public hearing for the program, then submit a copy of the standards, a notice of the public hearing for the program, a copy of the program, and a copy of the ordinance adopting the standards to the State;

WHEREAS, the City of Garland, Texas, has formulated standards of care that at a minimum includes staffing ratios, minimum staff, qualifications, minimum facilities, health and safety standards, and a mechanism for monitoring and enforcing the local standards; and further provides for notifying parents that the program is not licensed by the state and that the program may not be advertised as a day care facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council after conducting a public hearing and affording a full and fair hearing to all citizens, and in the exercise of legislative discretion, has concluded that the attached standards of care should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GARLAND, TEXAS;

Section 1.

The City of Garland, Texas, hereby adopts the standards of care for an elementary age recreation program, which is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Section 42.041 (b) (14), Texas Human Resource Code.

Section 2.

That the Managing Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts shall cause a copy of the standards, a notice of the public hearing for the program, a copy of the program, and a copy of this Ordinance adopting the standards be delivered to the State in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Section 3.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Lori Dodson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eloyce Rene Dowl, City Secretary

By: _____