



# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary D. Greer  
City Manager

DATE: November 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Standards of Care Ordinance No. 3311

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During the 1995 legislative session, State Legislators enacted Senate Bill 212, exempting municipal youth recreation programs from child care licensing requirements. The Senate Bill is reflected in the Texas Human Resource Code, Chapter 42.041(b)(14) establishing requirements to exempt recreational programs offered by municipalities for elementary age (5-13) children from State child care licensing requirements providing the governing body of the municipality annually adopts Standards of Care by ordinance after a public meeting.

The public hearing and adoption of Standards of Care are an annual requirement to maintain exemption from the State licensing requirements. The Standards of Care address overall health and safety issues, such as leader to participant ratios and facility requirements. The City has numerous policies and procedures that reach beyond the requirements and are directed to critical areas such as age, behavioral expectations, and proof of residency.

Substantive changes include language to reference potential future programs and a definition of youth, Section 2, Definitions H and N respectively. Other changes are clerical in nature.

Possible Council Action:

1. I move to adopt Ordinance No. 3311 adopting Standards of Care for youth programs offered by the Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Department.
2. I move to deny Ordinance No. 3311 adopting Standards of Care for youth programs offered by the Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Department, with modifications.
3. I move to table the item or take no action.