

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL,  
SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**APPROVING SELF-MONITORING STANDARDS FOR THE PARKS  
AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S SUMMER YOUTH  
PROGRAM AND OTHER APPLICABLE RECREATION  
PROGRAMS TO COMPLY WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REGULATIONS. THERE IS NO  
FISCAL IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ORDINANCE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services allows an exemption from childcare licensing regulations to municipally operated recreation programs that serve school-age youth and adopt Self-Monitoring Standards, which must include staffing ratios, minimum staff qualifications, minimum facility health and safety standards, mechanisms for monitoring and enforcement; and are required to be adopted by City Council annually; and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the Self-Monitoring Standards are provided to the parents of all program participants as required. Parks and Recreation staff conduct comprehensive compliance reviews to ensure that guidelines are achieved at each program site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department has provided supervised and structured recreational summer programs for children ages 6 through 14 years for over 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the programs operate for approximately 8 weeks and serve over 3,000 children at approximately 40 sites each summer, consisting of community centers, school sites, and other City locations throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, the Parks and Recreation Department is planning to offer the Summer Youth Program at 22 Parks and Recreation facilities and 22 partnering school sites as well as additional out-of-school camps during school breaks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summer Youth Program participants enjoy a variety of activities including traditional sports, active games, craft projects, fitness, and reading as well as math and science enrichment programs, as part of weekly themed programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended Self-Monitoring Standards were presented on March 25, 2024, to the City's Parks and Recreation Board which endorsed the recommended Self-Monitoring Standards, and an opportunity for citizen input was provided at the meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, there was one recommended change to the 2024 Self-Monitoring Standards, which was an increase in staff training from 20 hours to 24 hours of documented training.

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or designee or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or designee is authorized to approve Self-Monitoring Standards for the Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Youth Program and other applicable recreation programs to comply with Texas Department of Health and Human Services regulations.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance will have no fiscal impact on the City's operations.

**SECTION 3.** No fiscal ordinance language required.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of April, 2024.**

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Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney