

ORDINANCE 22-HH

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF CARE FOR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY THE CITY OF ALVIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN AGES FIVE (5) THROUGH THIRTEEN (13); PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Alvin, Texas (the “City”), is a home rule municipal corporation to article 11, section 5 of the Texas Constitution and its Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City operates recreation programs for children, including elementary age children (ages 5 through 13); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 42 of the Texas Human Resources Code exempts certain after-school and summer recreation programs from state licensing requirements as identified in Subsection 42.041(14) stating “an elementary-age (ages 5-13) recreation program operated by a municipality provided the governing body of the municipality annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing for such programs, that such standards are provided to the parents of each program participant, and that the ordinances shall include, at a minimum, staffing ratios, minimum staff qualifications, minimum facility, health, and safety standards, and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards; and further provided that parents be informed that the program is not licensed by the state and the program may not be advertised as a child-care facility;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on May 19, 2022, regarding the Standards of Care for its Youth Recreation Programs for elementary age children (ages 5 through 13) before passing and approving this Ordinance 22-HH, adopting such Standards of Care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The above and foregoing recitals and premises to this Ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2. The standards of care set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes (the “Standards of Care”) are hereby adopted as the standards of care for all elementary age (ages 5 through 13) recreation programs operated by the City of Alvin, Texas (collectively “Programs” and each a “Program”), including without limitation, any summer camp program.

Section 3. All Programs are to be operated by the City of Alvin’s Park and Recreation Department (“Department”). The Director of the Department, or the Director’s designee, (individually or collectively, the “Director”), shall administer the Programs in accordance with the Standards of Care. The Director may adopt rules in writing relating to the operations of Programs, which rules may be more restrictive than the Standards of Care. The Programs shall be operated

in accordance with the Standards of Care (or, in the event the Director adopts rules that are more restrictive than the Standards of Care, in accordance with such rules).

Section 4. The Director shall provide the Standards of Care to the parents of each Program participant (and, in the event the Director adopts rules that are more restrictive than the Standards of Care, shall provide such rules to the parents of each Program participant). Further, the Director, or the Director's designee, shall inform the parents of each Program participant that the Program is not licensed by the State of Texas.

Section 5. The Program shall not be advertised as a child-care facility.

Section 6. The Director is authorized to take any and all steps, if any, as may be necessary to confirm the Program's exemption from State law as set forth in Section 42.041 of the Texas Human Resources Code.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Alvin, Texas, and shall not repeal any of the provisions of these ordinances except in those instances where the provisions of those ordinances are in direct conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section or provision of this Ordinance or the application of any section or provision to any person, firm, corporation, entity, situation or circumstance is for any reason adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of this Ordinance or the application of any other section or provision to any other person, firm corporation, entity, situation or circumstance, and the City Council declares that it would have adopted the valid portions of this Ordinance adopted herein without the invalid or unconstitutional parts and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance adopted herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and the public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City of Alvin Charter.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED on the first and final reading on the 19th day of May 2022.

CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS

ATTEST:

By: _____
Paul A. Horn, Mayor

By: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary