

August 27, 2025

WHEREAS, the city of Dallas has a long history of providing recreational programs for youth ages five through 13 years, which programs contribute to the overall well-being of the city's youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds it necessary to adopt standards of care for those youth programs in compliance with the requirements of Section 42.041(b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code, as amended, to exempt those programs from state child-care licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1997, the City Council, held a public hearing, and added Chapter 12 to the Dallas CityCode to establish standards of care for city-sponsored youth programs by Ordinance No. 23159, which took effect on June 16, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.041 (b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code, as amended, requires the City to annually readopt the standards of care for city-sponsored youth programs after holding a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12 of the Dallas City Code, which establishes standards of care for city-sponsored youth programs, was readopted by the city council on June 10, 1998, by Ordinance No. 23534, on June 9, 1999, by Ordinance No. 23907, on June 14, 2000, by Ordinance No. 24281, on May 23, 2001, by Ordinance No. 24611, on May 22, 2002, by Ordinance No. 24943, on May 28, 2003, by Ordinance No. 25269, on June 9, 2004, by Ordinance No. 25628, on May 25, 2005, by Ordinance No. 25998, on June 14, 2006, by Ordinance No. 26376, on June 13, 2007, by Ordinance No. 26800, on June 11, 2008, by Ordinance No. 27222, on June 10, 2009, by Ordinance No. 27565, on June 9, 2010, by Ordinance No. 27911, on May 25, 2011, by Ordinance No. 28217, on May 23, 2012, by Ordinance No. 28670, on June 12, 2013, by Ordinance No. 29036, on May 28, 2014, by Ordinance No. 29358, on May 25, 2016, by Ordinance No. 30106, on September 13, 2017, by Ordinance No. 30650, on September 12, 2018, by Ordinance No. 30916, on September 11, 2019, by Ordinance No. 31329, on September 9, 2020, by Ordinance No. 31647, on September 9, 2021, by Ordinance No. 31994, on August 27, 2022, by Ordinance No. 32290, and September 13, 2023, by Ordinance No. 32553 and September 11, 2024 by Ordinance No. 32860; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is being held as required by Texas Human Resources code, Section 42.041(b)(14) to receive public comments on readopting and continuing Chapter 12 of the Dallas City Code which will expire on September 11, 2025 unless extended by ordinance of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the City Council to re-adopt its standards of care for city-sponsored youth programs.

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Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That a public hearing on readopting and continuing in effect Chapter 12, "City Youth Program Standards of Care," of the Dallas City Code, which establishes standards of care for certain City youth programs sponsored by the City of Dallas, will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

SECTION 2. That an ordinance readopting and continuing in effect Chapter 12, "City Youth Program Standards of Care," of the Dallas City Code, to re-establish standards of care for certain city-sponsored youth programs in compliance with State law, will be considered by the City Council on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, after the public hearing.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.