

## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Chapter 12, “City Youth Program Standards of Care,” of the Dallas City Code by amending Sections 12-2, 12-11, 12-14, and 12-15; extending the expiration date of the city youth program standards of care; amending staff responsibilities; correcting the name of the fire-rescue department; amending the transportation requirements; providing a penalty not to exceed \$500; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 42.041(b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code, as amended, requires that the city’s youth program standards of care be readopted by ordinance annually after a public hearing;

WHEREAS, the city council, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas, the state law, and the ordinances of the City of Dallas, have held the required public hearings regarding this amendment to the Dallas City Code; Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That Section 12-2, “Expiration Date,” of Article I, “General,” of Chapter 12, “City Youth Program Standards of Care,” of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 12-2. EXPIRATION DATE.**

This chapter and the youth program standards of care established in this chapter expire on September 9, 2022 [2021], unless sooner terminated or extended by ordinance of the city council.”

SECTION 2. That Subsection (b) of Section 12-11, “Staff-Participant Ratio,” of Article III, “Operations,” of Chapter 12, “City Youth Program Standards of Care,” of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

“(b) Each participant will be assigned a program employee who is responsible for the participant and who is aware of the participant’s habits, interests, and special needs [~~and problems~~], as identified by the participant’s parent during registration for a youth program.”

SECTION 3. That Subsection (b) of Section 12-14, “Communication,” of Article III, “Operations,” of Chapter 12, “City Youth Program Standards of Care,” of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

“(b) A coordinator shall post the following telephone numbers adjacent to a telephone that is accessible to all program employees at each site;

- (1) Dallas ambulance or emergency medical services.
- (2) Dallas P[~~p~~]olice D[~~d~~]epartment.
- (3) Dallas F[~~f~~]ire-Rescue D[~~d~~]epartment.
- (4) The administration center.
- (5) Telephone numbers at which each participant’s parents may be reached.
- (6) The telephone number for the program site.”

SECTION 4. That Section 12-15, “Transportation,” of Article III, “Operations,” of Chapter 12, “City Youth Program Standards of Care,” of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 12-15.           TRANSPORTATION.**

(a) Before a participant may be transported to or from a city-sponsored activity, a program registration ~~[transportation]~~ form, completed by a parent of the participant, must be filed with a coordinator.

(b) Every program vehicle used for transporting youth participants must be equipped with:

(1) first aid supplies and a first aid and emergency care guide that are easily accessible to program employees in the vehicle; and

(2) an operable 6-BD portable fire extinguisher that is installed in ~~[the passenger compartment of]~~ the vehicle and that is easily accessible to program employees in the vehicle.”

SECTION 5. That a person violating a provision of this ordinance, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

SECTION 6. That Chapter 12 of the Dallas City Code shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTOPHER J. CASO, City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant City Attorney

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