

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, SETTING FORTH THE STANDARDS OF CARE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S KIDS ZONE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF MANSFIELD; PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATIONAL STANDARDS OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTING, MONITORING, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE STANDARDS OF CARE; PROVIDING FOR THE STAFFING LEVELS, TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THOSE WORKING IN THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR FACILITY STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield, Texas, (the "City") is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, a home rule municipality may exercise its police power authority to safeguard the health, comfort and general welfare of its citizens, and may regulate the standards of care for the City's Kids Zone program; and,

WHEREAS, Section 42.041 (b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code provides an exception for a municipality from the requirements of obtaining a license to operate an elementary-age recreation program provided the municipality annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing for such programs; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt "Standards of Care" for the City's Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Youth Program.

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

SECTION 1.

These Standards of Care as referenced herein as "Exhibit A" are intended to be minimum standards by which the City of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department will operate the City's Kids Zone Program. The program operated by the City is recreational in nature and is not a day care program. The following Standards of Care are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Mansfield, Texas in order to comply with Section 42.041 (b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code.

SECTION 2.

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Mansfield, Texas, except where the provisions of the Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared void, ineffective, or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such voiding, ineffectiveness, or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections hereof, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of any such void, ineffective or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4.

The caption of this ordinance shall be published in compliance with Section 3.13 of the City Charter.

SECTION 5.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage on the first and final reading.

DULY PASSED ON THE FIRST AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

Michael Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susana Marin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Ashley Dierker, City Attorney