

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 39-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS; AMENDING CHAPTER 54, "PARKS AND RECREATION," SECTION 54-202, "ADOPTION;" ADOPTING UPDATED STANDARDS OF CARE FOR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Flower Mound, Texas ("Town") is a home rule municipal corporation organized and existing by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and by its Home Rule Charter, adopted November 3, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Town operates a recreation program for elementary age children as a service to residents of the Town, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has adopted licensing requirements and regulations under Chapter 42 of the Texas Human Resources Code for facilities providing care to children, with which all facilities must comply, unless an exemption under Section 42.041(b) applies; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.041(b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code provides an exemption from the requirements of Chapter 42 to a municipality operating a recreation program for elementary age children (5-13 years); and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2011, the Town received an exemption from the requirements of Chapter 42 of the Texas Human Resources Code from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services ("TDFPS"); and

WHEREAS, the TDFPS will not monitor the Town's Parks and Recreation's youth recreation programs because the exempt status has been granted, and the TDFPS will not be responsible for investigating complaints regarding the Town's Parks and Recreation's youth recreation programs, so that any complaints shall be made to the Town Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town adopted Ordinance No. 62-19 on December 2, 2019 setting forth the standards of care for the Town Parks and Recreation's youth recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town's standards of care for the Town Parks and Recreation's youth recreation programs must be adopted annually by the Town of Flower Mound Town Council, after public hearing, in order to maintain the exemption under Section 42.041(b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Town Parks and Recreation Services Department has recommended no changes be made to the standards of care adopted on December 2, 2019, in accordance with Section 42.041(b)(14) of the Texas Human Resources Code and Section 54-206 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Flower Mound, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 1, 2020, by the Parks Board regarding the revised standards of care, and the adoption of such revised standards of care by

the Town Council of the Town of Flower Mound (“Town Council”) has been recommended by the Parks Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Flower Mound and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Flower Mound and the general public to adopt the revised standards of care as recommended by the Parks Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1

All the above premises are found to be true and correct legislative and factual determinations of the Town of Flower Mound, and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2

The Town Council hereby adopts local standards of care for the Parks and Recreation Services Department (“Department”) youth recreation programs in compliance with the requirements of Texas Human Resources Code Section 42.041(b)(14) and pursuant to Section 54-206 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Flower Mound. The standards of care adopted by this Ordinance are available for inspection in the office of the Town Secretary and in the Town Parks and Recreation Services Department office.

SECTION 3

That Section 54-202, “Adoption,” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Flower Mound, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 54-202. Adoption.

The local standards of care (“Standards of Care”), as set forth in Exhibit “A” which is attached to the ordinance adopting the Standards of Care are incorporated by reference for all purposes as if written word for word herein, and are hereby adopted by the Town Council as the Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Services Department of the Town of Flower Mound. The Standards of Care are available for inspection in the office of the Town Secretary and in the Town Parks and Recreation Services Department office.”

SECTION 4

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

SECTION 5

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Town Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause,

sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since same would have been enacted by the Town Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section, and said remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS, BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, ON THIS THE 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

APPROVED:

Steve Dixon

Steve Dixon, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Theresa Scott

Theresa Scott, TOWN SECRETARY