



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-1552

Coach Safely Act

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH PLAY SAFELY SPORTS TO PROVIDE YOUTH INJURY MITIGATION COURSES FOR ATHLETIC PERSONNEL AND COACHES AT A COST OF \$20.00 PER PERSON, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, in early 2023, the Arkansas General Assembly passed the Coach Safely Act requiring youth injury mitigation and information courses for athletics personnel and coaches in any association that sponsors or conducts sports training or high-risk youth athletic activities for children 14 years of age and younger; and

WHEREAS, the training courses provided by Play Safely Sports are approved by the Arkansas Department of Health and are recommended by staff over other approved training courses based on the quality of training content, efficiency of having all modules in one platform, duration of time needed for coaches to complete the courses, and the management of coaches completing the courses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes Mayor Jordan to sign an agreement with Play Safely Sports to provide youth injury mitigation courses for athletic personnel and coaches in the City's youth recreational programs at a cost of \$20.00 per person.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves a budget adjustment, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution.



MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
Alison Jumper, Director of Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs
FROM: Lee Farmer, Recreation Superintendent
DATE:
SUBJECT: **Coach Safely Act**

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution to approve an agreement with Play Safely Sports to provide youth injury mitigation and information courses for athletic personnel and coaches in the amount of \$7,000 and to approve an associated budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

On April 11, 2023, the State of Arkansas 94th General Assembly passed the Coach Safely Act to require youth injury mitigation and information courses for athletics personnel and coaches; and for other purposes. The Act and the Rule articulate that any association that sponsors or conducts sports training or high-risk youth athletic activities for children ages fourteen (14) and younger shall require all coaches and athletics personnel to complete specific training. The association shall maintain a record of individual course completion for as long as that individual serves as athletic personnel or coach for the association.

The courses are to be approved by the Arkansas Department of Health, on these subjects:

- Emergency Preparedness, planning, and rehearsal for traumatic injuries
- Concussions and head trauma
- Heat and extreme weather-related injury familiarization
- Physical conditioning and training equipment usage
- Heart defects and abnormalities leading to sudden cardiac death

DISCUSSION:

The Play Safely Sports training courses are approved by the Arkansas Department of Health and have an associated cost of \$20 per coach. Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs utilizes approximately 350 volunteer coaches and staff annually that would be required to complete the Coach Safely Act approved training courses for a total cost of \$7,000.

The Play Safely Sports training modules were selected over other training courses approved by the Arkansas Department of Health based on the quality of training content, efficiency of having all training modules on one platform, duration of time needed for coaches to complete the courses, and the

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management of coaches completing the courses.

As part of the fee, Play Safely Sports will provide a roster of individuals who have completed training, simplifying tracking for staff.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The agreement with Play Safely Sports has an expense for a total cost of \$7,000 for associated coach training.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), BA (#4), Coach Safely Act (#5), Coach Safely Act Approved Courses (#6), Coach Safely Act Agreement (#7)

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