



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 24-209

MEETING DATE: 3/19/2024

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Eric G. Parra, Interim City Manager

VIA: Ashley Wysocki, Director of Community & Library Services

Subject:

Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4318 adding Chapter 2.66 to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to the Community-Parent Guardian Review Board for Review of Procurement of Children’s Library Material

Statement of Issue:

There is a need to amend the Municipal Code to add language codifying the Community-Parent Guardian Review Board (Board) for procurement of children’s library materials, per City Council Resolution 2023-41.

Financial Impact:

The Board and Staff Liaison will make an annual request for City Council approval of funding to purchase new books for Board review that are not in circulation.

Recommended Action:

Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4318, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach amending the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by adding new chapter 2.66 Entitled “Community Parent-Guardian Review Board for Procurement of Children’s Library Materials.””

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the recommended action, and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

On October 17, 2023, City Council approved Resolution 2023-41, establishing a policy for the review and recataloging of library materials containing sexual content. The Huntington Beach Municipal Code must be amended by adding section 2.66 to create the Community Parent-Guardian Review Board (Board) for Procurement of Children’s Library Materials, referenced in Resolution 2023-41.

The updated Municipal Code provides the following key information:

- Definitions of children’s books, sexual content, sexual references, and community standards
- Board purpose and composition
- Minimum meeting frequency
- Appropriate use of City Council annual allocated funding
- Board duties

Environmental Status:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment do not constitute a project.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance No. 4318