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Subject: P&Z Commission Case Z15-01

A case going before the Planning & Zoning Commission on February 16, 2015 - Z15-01 Group Residential Facilities amendment is to delete several definitions in their entirety and add a new definition to the Residential Use Classifications of the League City Code of Ordinances. Several Residential Care Facilities definitions will be deleted in their entirety and replaced with a "Group Residential Facilities" definition. Group Residential Facilities will include definitions for an Assisted Living Facility, Continuing Care Facility, Disabled Group Dwelling, Emergency Shelter, Halfway House, Homeless Shelter and Nursing Home.

I have a public safety concern allowing Halfway Houses and Homeless Shelters into Industrial Districts, and Homeless Shelters in Commercial Mixed Use Districts. Sec. 120-90.J (2) Location of Halfway Houses and Homeless Shelters. Halfway Houses and Homeless Shelters shall not be located within one-half mile of another halfway house or homeless shelter, or within 1,000 feet of a park or K-12 school. Industrial Districts allow for schools, day care centers, park and recreation facilities, religious assemblies and recreation and entertainment businesses' to name a few. All of these businesses have a child presence.

City Code of Ordinances Sec. 70-52 - Sex offender residency prohibition, penalty, and exceptions does not permit a person who is required to register as a sex offender to establish a permanent or temporary residence within 2000 feet of any premises where children commonly gather including but not limited to, a school, day care center, playground, public or private youth center, public swimming pool or video arcade facility. If Sec. 70-52 does not allow sex offenders within 2000 feet of any premise where children commonly gather why doesn't Sec. 120-90.J; Group Residential Facilities location, development and operation compliance standards carry the same premises restrictions and minimum location requirement of 2000 feet?

Will the facility require residents to disclose if they are a sex offender?

Will a facility providing accommodations to a sex offender be required to disclose that information to the police department and local residents?

What guarantees do the citizens of League City have that a sex offender will not be residing in a halfway house, homeless shelter or emergency shelter located near their home or in some other facility where children gather?

How can ordinances that directly affect our citizens, local neighborhoods and business not have a minimum standard when it comes to operating businesses that have the potential to provide accommodations to sex offenders?

Sincerely,

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