



Burleson Police Department

Child Safety Zones

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Registered Sex Offenders in Burleson

Texas Sex Offender Classifications

Low Risk: *Low threat to the community, considered unlikely to engage in further criminal sexual conduct.*

Moderate Risk: *Moderate danger, with a moderate likelihood of re-offending. Often involved multiple victims or, in some contexts, repeated minor sexual acts.*

High Risk: *Significant threat to the community, with a high likelihood of committing future sexual acts.*

- **35 Registered Sex Offenders within Burleson**
 - Only 2 had adult victims, the other 33 had child victims and qualify for the safety zone ordinance
 - Of the 35, 2 are incarcerated and 2 have absconded

Sex Offenders are classified into three tiers based on their likelihood of re-offending and threat to the community

- 9 Low Risk
- 11 Moderate Risk
 - 1 absconded and 1 incarcerated
- 15 with no reported risk level by the state
 - 1 absconded and 1 incarcerated

The Process of Registering Sex Offenders In Burleson

1. When a registered sex offender decides to move to Burleson, they are required to register with Criminal Investigations and verify the address they wish to reside does not fall into a child safety zone.
2. Once they move to the address, they have 7 days to notify BPD where they are residing and get a registration appointment with Criminal Investigations.
3. During their appointment they are registered in Burleson Records, as well as the State Records.
4. Depending on the requirements outlined in their release from incarceration, they will need to return to the police department for additional registration appointments either quarterly or annually.

Surrounding City Child Safety Zones

1000 FOOT SAFETY ZONES

- Burleson (est. 2013)
- Crowley (est. 2009)
- Joshua (est. 2014)
- Alvarado (est. 2023)
- Mansfield (est. 2025)

2000 FOOT SAFETY ZONES

- Fort Worth* (est. 2026)
- Cleburne (est. 2011)
- Keene (est.2017)

*Fort Worth enacted their city ordinance for child safety zones with a 2000 foot safety zone in February 2026. Since that date, approximately 10 Registered Sex Offenders have called Burleson PD inquiring about relocating from Fort Worth to the City of Burleson.

Child Safety Zone

- Child Care Facility
- Day Care Center
- Community Swimming Pool (public or private)
- Playground
- Video Arcade Facility
- Youth Center
- School
- Park
 - Public or private land designated and used for the public as a park, recreation area, or wildlife refuge.

“Any defined premise where children commonly gather, including a playground, school, daycare center, video arcade facility, public or private youth center, park, or community swimming pool.”

Clarifications

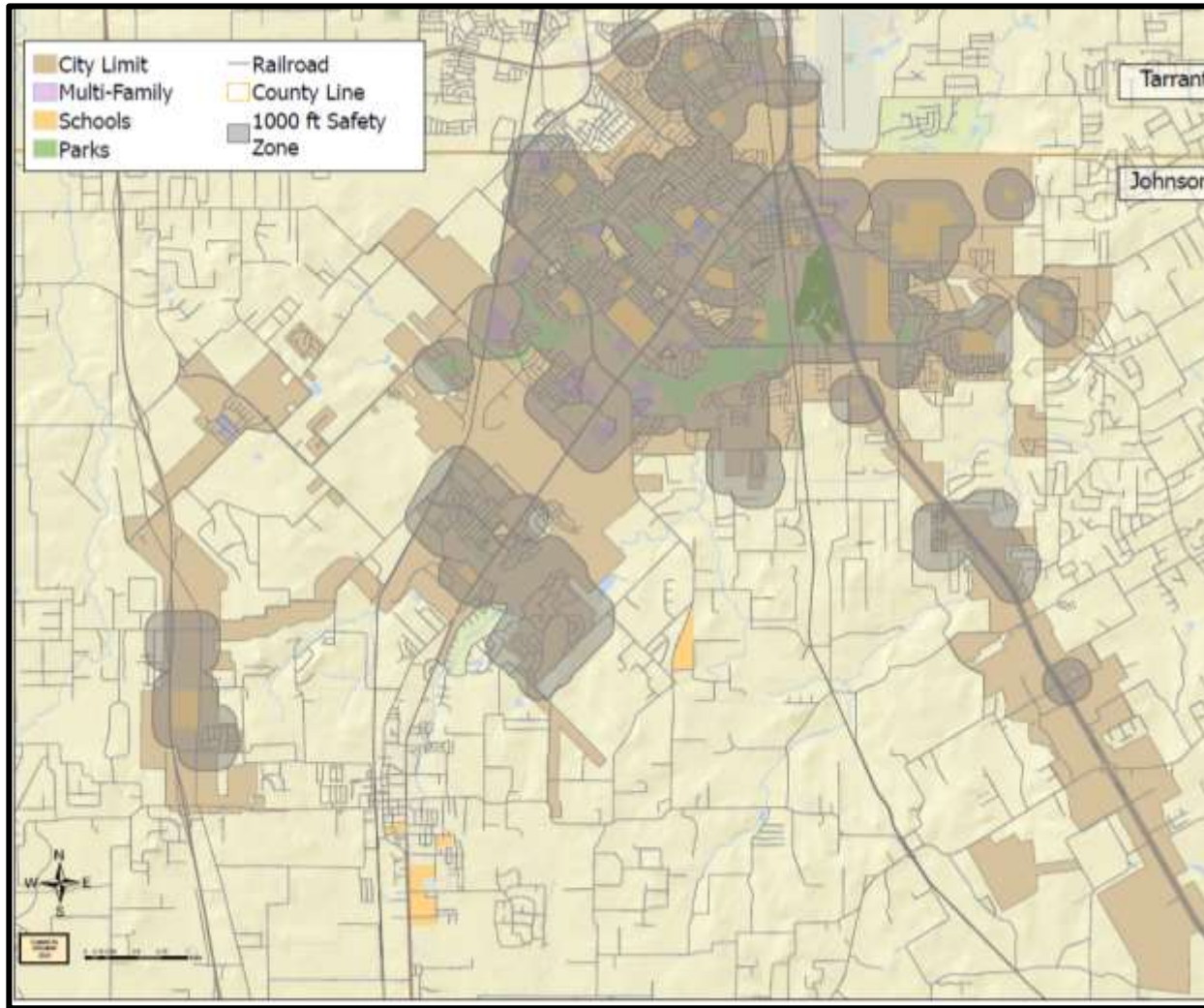
Child Safety Zones only apply to sex offenders whose victim was under 17 years of age at the time of the offense.

If an offender is already living within the safety zone prior to their offense or prior to that area becoming a safety zone, they are given a preexisting exemption from the safety zone and cannot be forced to move.

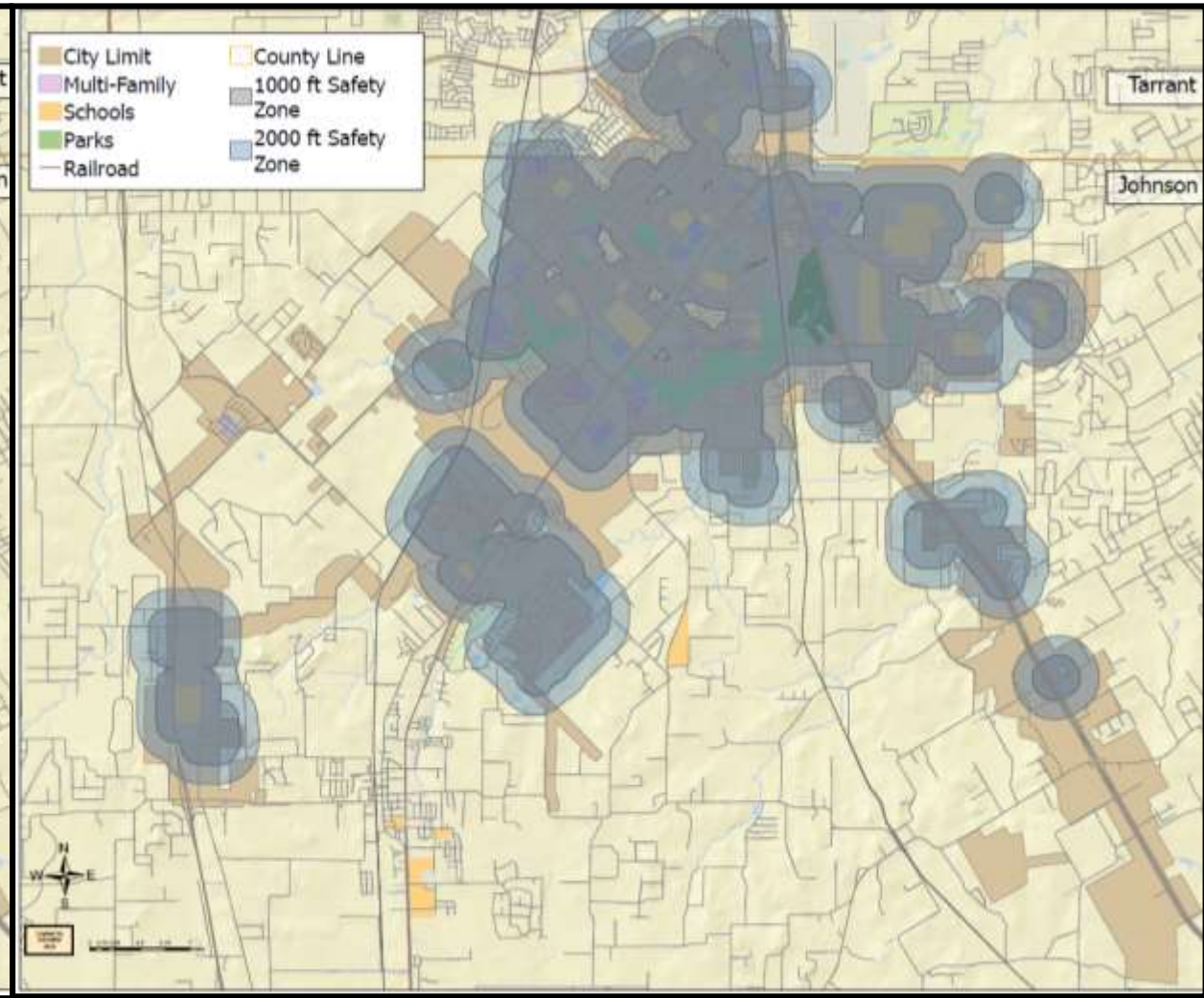
The safety zone extends from the qualifying parcel property line, not from the building/structure footprint.

There is no Texas Legislation prohibiting the expansion of the 1000 foot safety zone in Burleson.

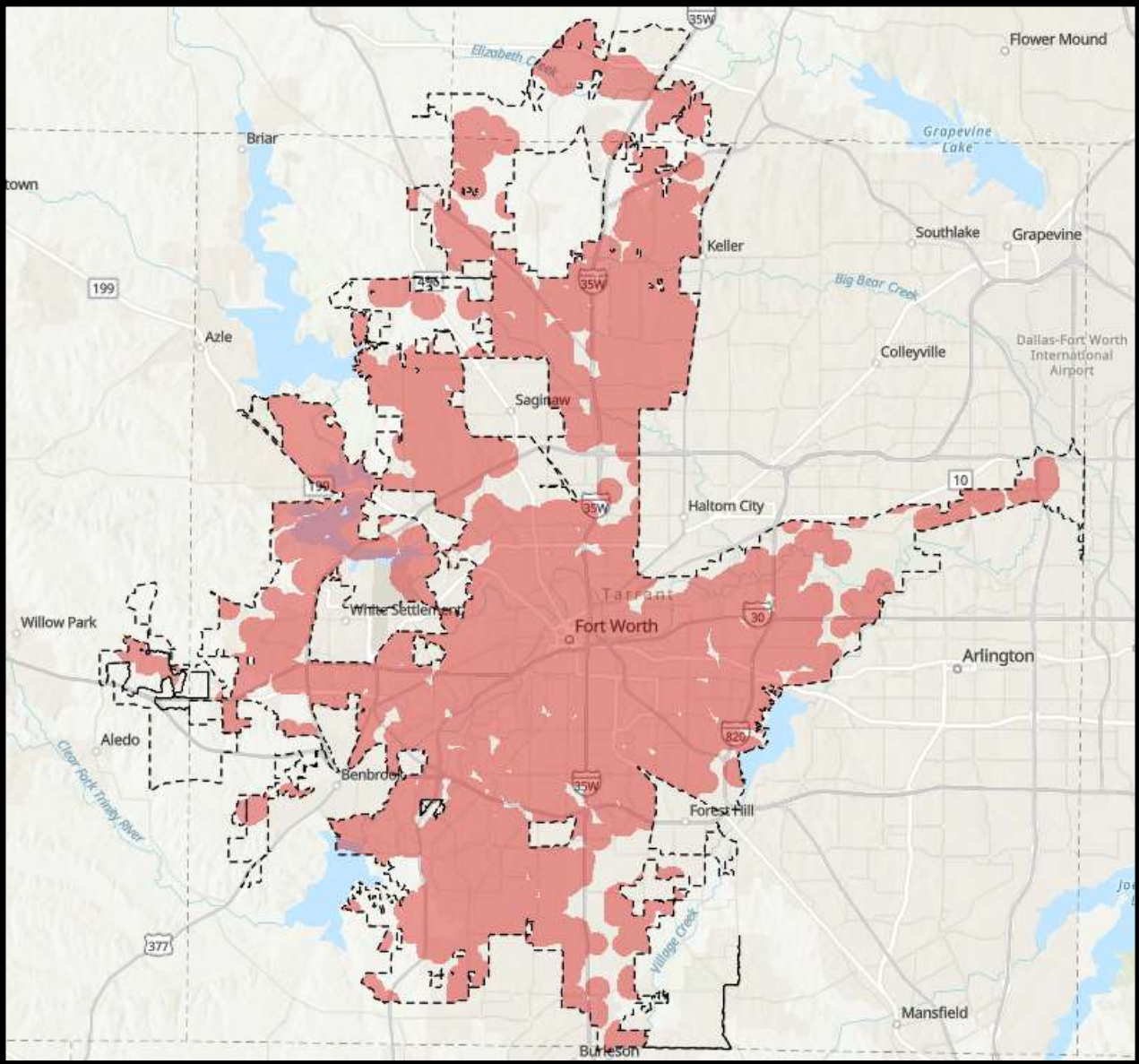
1000 Foot Safety Zone



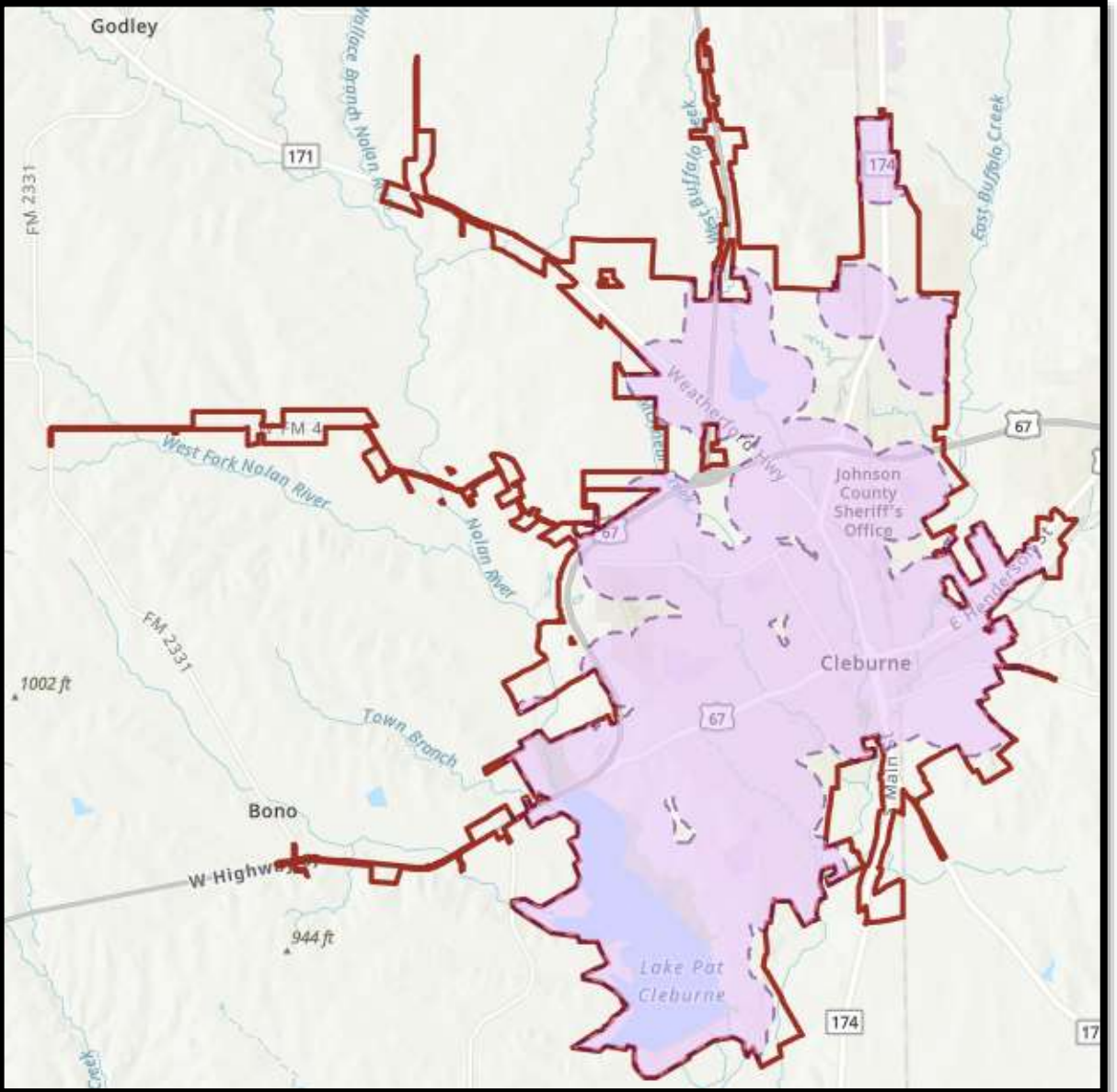
2000 Foot Safety Zone



Fort Worth



Cleburne



Action Requested

Consider and take possible action to amend Burleson Ordinance Number B-803-13 to increase the Child Safety Zone from 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet.

Questions / Comments
