


City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Police Department
FROM: Billy Cordell, Police Chief
MEETING: May 18, 2026

SUBJECT:

Hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 54 Article VIII Regulation of Sex Offender Residency, Sections 54-151 and 54-154, modifying the required distance from 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet for child safety zones. (First Reading) (*Staff Contact: Chaz Garrett, Criminal Investigations Lieutenant*)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Beautiful, Safe, & Vibrant Community</p>	<p>3.1 Encourage a clean and healthy community 3.5 Continue community policing and risk reduction programs</p>

SUMMARY:

The current City Ordinance establishes a 1000-foot safety zone that prohibits certain registered sex offenders from residing within a defined premise where children commonly gather. We are seeking counsel’s consideration to amend the current ordinance from 1000 feet to 2000 feet. With other neighboring jurisdictions adopting a 2000 feet safety zone, we are concerned that the City of Burleson may become a hot spot.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

On February 18, 2013, the City Council approved Ordinance No. B-803-13, which, among other things, prohibited certain sex offenders from residing within 1,000 feet of certain premises where children commonly gather. The ordinance is codified in Article VIII “Regulation of Sex Offender

Residency” of Chapter 54 “Miscellaneous Offenses” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Burleson, Texas.

REFERENCE:

Ordinance No. B-803-13.

FISCAL IMPACT:

n/a

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