The redline changes to Chapter 24, Article III of the City of Chipley's Code of Ordinances introduce significant updates to definitions, residency and presence prohibitions, enforcement mechanisms, business operation requirements, and legal penalties.

Sec. 24-76: Legislative Findings and Intent

- **Residency Restriction Justification:** Adds formal findings justifying the 2,500-foot buffer around child-concentrated areas (exceeding the state 1,000-foot minimum under F.S. § 775.215) as a nonpunitive, civil regulatory measure to protect children.
- **Business Operation Findings:** Establishes legislative rationale requiring registered offenders operating local businesses to register with the city and provide public disclosures.
- **Signage Standards Justification:** Outlines findings justifying specific format, size, placement, and legibility standards for required business disclosure signs.

Sec. 24-77: Definitions

- **Protected Location:** Introduces a comprehensive defined term replacing individual facility listings. It includes schools, school bus stops, daycares, parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, sports fields/facilities, public ballfields, libraries, skating parks, public pools, community centers, places of worship, arcades, and other city-designated locations.
- **Bus Stop:** Defined as any location designated by the Washington County School District or any public or private school for pickup or drop-off.
- **Residence Classifications:**
  - **Permanent Residence:** Shortened the threshold from 14 consecutive days to 3 or more consecutive days, adding specific day-calculation rules.
  - **Temporary Residence:** Updated to include 3 or more aggregate days in a calendar year, 4 or more days in a month, or in-state travel residences.
  - **Transient Residence:** Added as a new definition covering stays of 3 or more aggregate days per calendar year without a permanent/temporary address, including locations without a specific street address.
- **Sexual Offender:** Expanded from specific statutory references to encompass any person required to register under Florida statutes (F.S. §§ 943.0435, 944.606, 944.607, 985.4815), federal law, military tribunals, or other state jurisdictions. Explicitly excludes individuals relieved of registration duties via court order under F.S. § 943.04354 (Romeo & Juliet Offenders).

Sec. 24-78: Residence Prohibitions, Penalties, and Exceptions

- **Expanded Prohibitions:** Applies residency restrictions to all defined sexual offenders and sexual predators (removing the previous limitation tied only to victims under 16) and extends restrictions to transient residences.
- **Measurement Methodology:** Specifies straight-line measurement between outer property lines for permanent/temporary residences and from the actual physical location for

transient residences.

- **Penalties:** Reclassifies violations from general municipal fines to a second-degree misdemeanor under F.S. § 775.082 or 775.083, with each day constituting a separate offense.
- **Exceptions:**
  - Requires grandfathered residences to be continuously maintained without interruption.
  - Adds exemptions for individuals court-removed from registration requirements.
  - Adds a narrow grandfathering provision for pre-existing lawful residences established prior to a conviction occurring after the ordinance's effective date, which is permanently forfeited if vacated.

Sec. 24-79: Child Safety Zone Prohibition and Enforcement

- **Scope & Penalties:** Expands presence prohibitions in child safety zones to all defined sexual offenders/predators and reclassifies violations as second-degree misdemeanors.
- **Notice Responsibilities:** Transfers responsibility for issuing enactment notices from the Chief of Police to the Washington County Sheriff (or designee) and allows notice via electronic transmission.
- **Enforcement Procedures:** Clarifies that written warnings issued by officers remain in effect permanently across all child safety zones.

Sec. 24-80: Property Owner Prohibitions

- **Expanded Scope:** Prohibits renting real property for transient residences (in addition to permanent and temporary residences) within 2,500 feet of protected locations.
- **Penalties:** Reclassifies a property owner's knowing violation as a second-degree misdemeanor, alongside code enforcement and civil remedies.

Sec. 24-81: Business Registration and Public Disclosure (New Section)

- **Registration:** Mandates that sexual offenders or sexual predators owning, operating, or managing a business in Chipley register with the City Clerk prior to commencing operations (or within 30 days for existing businesses) and update info within 10 days of changes.
- **Public Signage Requirements:** Requires a physical disclosure sign (8.5" x 11", white background, black bold 1-inch/72pt sans-serif font) at each public entrance posted at a height of 4 to 6 feet.
- **Advertising & Online Disclosures:** Requires disclosure statements on all promotional materials, broadcasts, websites, and social media platforms.
- **Penalties:** Violations constitute a second-degree misdemeanor, with each day of non-compliance counted as a separate offense.

Sec. 24-82: Civil Enforcement, Severability, and Conflicts (New Section)

- **Civil Remedies:** Authorizes the City to seek injunctive relief and recover attorney's fees

and costs in court. Designated the Chief of Police as the primary enforcement authority.

- **Conflict Rules:** Establishes that the City's more restrictive regulations supersede county regulations or state minimums.