



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 06/08/2026

Agenda Item: Review of City's Child Safety Zone Map

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The City of Whitewater seeks approval for an updated Child Safety Zone map to ensure full compliance with the requirements of Whitewater Code of Ordinances § 1.33.010(h). This ordinance establishes residence restrictions for sex offenders and defines Child Safety Areas as areas within seven hundred fifty feet of any school, playground, designated park, or childcare center. The updated map is intended to accurately reflect all locations that qualify under this definition.

A review determined that the previous Child Safety Zone map had inaccuracies, both in omitting valid sites and including sites that did not meet the definition of the ordinance. To correct these errors a thorough update was conducted using information from verified sources including the Wisconsin state school directory and childcare database. Using these sources, 750-foot buffer zones were generated around all parcels containing qualifying facilities, resulting in a revised and accurate map. It has also undergone internal review by the City Attorney as well as the Community Development, Parks, and Police Department to ensure the maps accuracy.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

PARC voted to recommend attached resolution and map to Common Council on 06/08/2026

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City of Whitewater Common Council:

1. Approve the attached resolution and map for use

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

Resolution 2026-R-33, Updated Child Safety Zone Map