

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: January 9, 2017

ITEM NO: 9

Department Approval:

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Agenda Section:

Planning Department

Item Description: 17-3891 City of Orono Text Amendment: Sex Offender Residency

Application Summary

Last year, the Council outlined concerns with the relocation of Level III sex offenders within Orono. In particular, the Council had concerns with Level III offenders, upon their release could relocate to homes in close proximity to schools, day cares, and parks, areas where children might be located at higher concentrations. At a public hearing on November 14, residents echoes those concerns. The Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance that would establish residency parameters for released Level III offenders.

An ordinance addressing the residency of Level I and II offenders is not proposed. Information as to their destination/ proposed residence is necessary to administer an ordinance but not public information.

Predatory Offenders include both offenders whose victims were children and offenders whose victims were adults. Before a predatory offenders' release, a Corrections committee applies a risk level:

- A predatory offender whose risk assessment score indicates a low risk of re-offense is a Level I
- An offender whose risk assessment score indicates a moderate risk of re-offense is a Level II
- An offender whose risk assessment score indicates a high risk of re-offense is a Level III

A violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor, with a fine and possibly jail time. The offender would not be removed from the home.

In all draft ordinances, proposed new language is underlined, and language proposed to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.

Action Requested:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as drafted.

List of Exhibits:

- Exhibit A.* *Draft Ordinance*
- Exhibit B.* November 14, 2016 Council minutes
- Exhibit C.* November 14, 2016 Council packet
- Exhibit D.* September 26, 2016 Council packet
- Exhibit E.* Map of affected properties
- Exhibit F.* Latest news article