

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: November 14, 2016
ITEM NO: 6

Department Approval:	Administrator Reviewed:	Agenda Section:
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Item Description: Consideration of location restrictions, Level III Sex Offenders

Application Summary

Information presented to facilitate the public hearing, and for Council direction.

Issue

Level III Sex Offenders are individuals that have committed sex related crimes, been adjudicated, imprisoned, and have been designated as 'likely to reoffend' upon their release. When a Level III individual is released, the State holds a neighborhood informational meeting. Currently, there is no city ordinance that provides guidance as to where Level III offenders may reside.

Minnesota communities are starting to respond to these concerns by drafting ordinances that prohibit residence of Level III offenders within certain distances of parks, schools, day care centers. Previous direction of the Council was to explore possible ordinances, after receiving comment from the public.

It should be noted that no ordinance is proposed that regulates where Level I and Level II offenders may reside, as the designation of a Level I or II individual is not public information, and therefore, not known to the city or the public, and this knowledge is necessary to administer an ordinance.

The Police Chief has provided a memo that provides additional background and resources, originally offered September 26, 2016.

The Council should receive input from citizens as to what concerns should be addressed in a potential ordinance.

Action Requested:

Provide Staff direction.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Police Chief memo dated September 21, 2016
Exhibit B Assorted news articles