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COUNCIL MEMBER'S BILL

ORDINANCE NO.

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A BILL FOR AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-3-3, SUBSECTION (a) OF THE NORTHGLENN MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DISTANCE LIMITATIONS FROM SCHOOLS APPLICABLE TO RESIDENCY BY REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1.     Legislative Findings. The City Council hereby finds and determines as follows:

A. It is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents, visitors and school children of the City of Northglenn that the City expand the distance limitations set forth in Section 4-3-3 of the Northglenn Municipal Code applicable to residency of Registered Sex Offenders and the distance where they may reside relative to schools from 750 feet to 1,000 feet from any such school.

B. Specifically, the City Council previously found and determined as follows in Section 4-3-1 of the Northglenn Municipal Code:

“(a) The City Council hereby finds that sexual predators and the specified sex offenders who use physical violence or who prey on children present an extreme threat to the public safety. Sexual predators and the specified sex offenders have a high rate of recidivism, making the cost of sex offender victimization to society at large extremely high. Removing such offenders from regular proximity to places where children are located and limiting the frequency of contact is likely to reduce the risk of an offense.

(b) This Article is intended to serve the City’s compelling interest to promote, protect and improve the public health, safety and welfare by creating areas, around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers, where sexual predators and specified sexual offenders are prohibited from establishing temporary or permanent residence.”

C. In furtherance of the City’s previous findings, and taking into account the City Council learning of the State of Colorado proposing to locate a Mental Health Transitional Living Facility at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive in Northglenn and in close proximity to Stukey Elementary School, the City Council finds it necessary to expand the distance limitation from 750 feet to 1,000 feet in Article 3 of Chapter 4 of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

D. The City Council further finds and determines that because of the public safety risk associated with the proposed location of the Mental Health Transitional Living Facility at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive in Northglenn and its close proximity to Stukey Elementary School, that such ordinance is necessary to be adopted as an emergency to cause the provisions of this ordinance to take effect immediately, and prior to any Registered Sex Offenders being housed at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive in Northglenn.

Section 2. Section 4-3-3, subsection (a) of the Northglenn Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**Section 4-3-3. Prohibitions.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any Registered Sex Offender to establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within ONE THOUSAND ~~seven hundred fifty~~ (750-1,000) feet of any school, and five hundred (500) feet of any park, playground, licensed day care center, recreation center or swimming pool (other than pools located at private, single-family residences), or any property located adjacent to any designated public or private school bus stop.

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Section 3. The City Council finds and determines that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public property, health, peace, or safety in that the existence of sex offenders residing together is an immediate public safety risk. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4.11 of the Northglenn City Charter, **this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment.**


PASSED ON FIRST AND FINAL READING this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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