### **Sex Offender Information**

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# **Regulation of Sex Offender Residency**

#### **Overview**

Article 42.12 (13B) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure provides a 1,000 foot safety zone for children, as a condition of probation for those convicted of certain sexual offenses. The City of Crowley has the authority, pursuant to Section 341.906 of the Texas Local Government Code, and the City Charter, to adopt provisions governing the residency of sex offenders in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

On Nov. 19, 2009, the Crowley City Council, via Ordinance 11-2009-109, added Article III "Regulation of Sex Offender Residency" to Chapter 54 of the Crowley Code of Ordinances.

#### **Article III**

Article III restricts locations where convicted sex offenders can reside within the city. The Ordinance includes the following:

- Prohibits sex offenders from establishing a permanent or temporary residence within 1,000 feet of premises where children commonly gather, including playgrounds, schools, daycare facility, video arcade facility, public or private youth center, public or community swimming pools, or those terms defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code 481.134
- Provides restrictions on renting, lease, or providing quarters to convicted sex offenders
- Prohibits sex offenders from establishing a permanent or temporary residence within 500 feet of an established or temporary residence of another sex offender, regardless of familial relationship

**City of Crowley Ordinance 11-2009-109** 

### **Contact**

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