



San Antonio Police Department

CHILD SAFETY ZONES

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CCR – Councilman Soules

- October 2, 2013 Memo
 - Child Safety Zone (CSZ) where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers (City Parks).
 - Registered Sex Offenders Cannot:
 - Enter a park
 - Live within 1,000 ft of a park
 - Another tool for law enforcement

EXEMPTIONS INCLUDED IN CCR

- Established residence before ordinance is enacted
- Person is a minor, or was a minor when the offense was committed (not tried as an adult)
- Person is under court order permitting them to be in the CSZ
- Municipal Court may grant hardship exemptions

CURRENT ENFORCEMENT

- Judges:
 - Have discretion to apply similar restrictions during parole/probation (p/p)
 - Restrictions expire upon completion of p/p
- San Antonio Park Police:
 - Contact p/p officer to see if terms of p/p have been violated
 - If in violation, case is referred to judge who rules and directs p/p as appropriate

POSSIBLE CONSIDERATIONS

- Consider limiting restrictions to offenses against children
- River Walk concerns (proximity to many downtown businesses and public buildings)
- Consider including restrictions for coming within 300 feet of a park

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Proposed Ordinance is another tool for law enforcement
 - Clear expectations
- Review other similar ordinances in Texas and understand enforcement
- Review possible alternatives
- Refer to Public Safety Council Committee in November for further discussion and possible action



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THANK YOU

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