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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5003

AN ORDINANCE establishing a Group Homes Advisory Board; and adding a new Chapter 3.99 to the Bellevue City Code.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a Group Homes Advisory Board for the purpose of reviewing and advising on Basic Operating Plans proposed for Group Homes for Children, and reviewing and advising on the resolution of conflicts between such homes and residents of the neighborhoods in which the Group Homes are located; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 3.99 is added to the Bellevue City Code, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3.99

GROUP HOMES ADVISORY BOARD

3.99.010. Board Established - Appointment - Membership.

There is established a Group Homes Advisory Board consisting of seven voting members and one nonvoting, advisory member, appointed by the City Council upon the recommendation of the City Manager to terms of four years, as follows:

A. One member shall be a person with knowledge, experience and expertise in the operation of group homes for children, as that term is defined in Bellevue City Code Section 9.19.020.

B. One member shall be a juvenile court judge or juvenile justice system representative.

C. One member shall be a current or former member of the Bellevue Human Services Commission.

D. One member shall be a former elected official.

E. One member shall be a Superintendent of Schools or designee thereof;

F. One member shall be the Bellevue Chief of Police.

G. One member shall be a representative of an established community organization.

H. One member shall be a representative of Bellevue Youth Link, who will serve in a nonvoting, advisory capacity.

No person shall be appointed to a position on the Board unless he or she is a resident of the city. If a member ceases to be a resident of the city his or her position shall immediately become vacant.

3.99.020. Authority of Board.

The Board shall have the authority to:

A. Review, comment and issue advisory recommendations on Basic Operating Plans for group homes for children when such review is requested under Bellevue City Code Section 9.19.080.

B. Review, comment and issue advisory recommendations on complaints regarding adherence or nonadherence to a Basic Operating Plan for a group home for children, or problems or issues relating to the operation of the group home, when requested to do so after completion of the Conflict Resolution Process under Bellevue City Code Section 9.19.070D.

3.99.030. Public Meeting - Notice - Procedure.

A. Goal. Board proceedings will be conducted informally and in a manner so as to provide the maximum opportunity for the participants in the process to resolve their issues amicably, and formal procedural and evidentiary rules shall not apply.

B. When a request for review under Section 3.99.020 is received by the Board, it shall set a date for a public meeting thereon. The Board shall adhere strictly to the time limitations set out in Bellevue City Code Section 9.19.080 when reviewing a Basic Operating Plan under that Section. The Director of Community Development, on behalf of the Board, shall give written notice of the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting by mailing such notice to the persons entitled to participate in the meeting under Bellevue City Code Section 9.19.070D or 9.19.080, as the case may be.

C. The Board may adopt such rules and procedures for the orderly and efficient conduct of its meetings as are appropriate to expedite the proceedings and meet the time limits established under Bellevue City Code Chapter 9.19, and as are consistent with the goal set forth in Section 3.99.030A.

D. The Board will meet as needed, but not less frequently than once every twelve months.

E. The Board will be provided staff support by the City.

3.99.040. Advisory Recommendation - Effect.

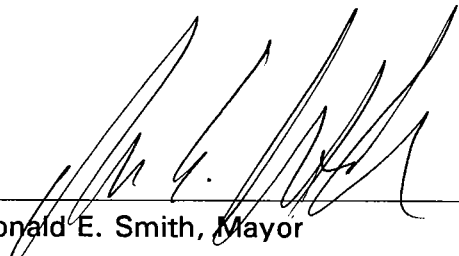
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Following the meeting at which it reviews the matter requested under Section 3.99.020, the Board may review and consider all information received at the meeting and such other information as it considers useful and relevant. It may render an advisory recommendation on the issues presented to it in which it may make such suggestions and recommendations regarding the Basic Operating Plan or the Conflict, as the case may be, as it considers appropriate. Such advisory recommendation is not binding on the provider or any other person and neither the provider nor any such person shall be obligated to act on or implement any part thereof. A copy of any advisory recommendation shall be mailed by the Director to all persons submitting oral comments at the Board's meeting or written comments at or before the Board's meeting, and to all other persons and agencies designated in Bellevue City Code Sections 9.19.070D or 9.19.080, as the case may be, as entitled to participate in the Board's proceedings.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 7th day of July, 1997, and signed in authentication of its passage this 7th day of July, 1997.

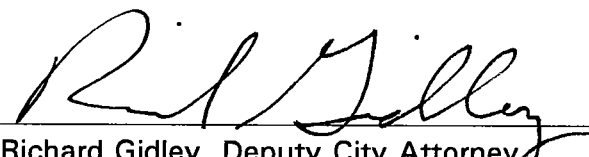
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Ronald E. Smith, Mayor

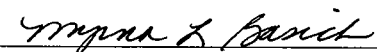
Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney



Richard Gidley, Deputy City Attorney

Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

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