



City of Lake Charles

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Ordinance: 19646

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An ordinance amending Sec. 12-44 of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles to provide for the registration of transitional housing units.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles is hereby amended and reenacted by adding Sec. 12-44 to read as follows:

"Sec. 12-44. Transitional Housing Unit - Registration required.

Any person desiring to establish a transitional living housing unit use within a single-family dwelling unit located in a residential, neighborhood, or mixed use-zoning district must first register each unit with the City of Lake Charles' Department of Planning and Development.

Sec. 12-44.1. Applicability.

All property located within the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles shall be subject to these regulations.

Sec. 12-44.2 Definitions.

A transitional living housing unit is defined as a dwelling unit occupied by individuals after completing an alcohol, drug, substance abuse rehabilitation treatment program and/or a term of imprisonment to help them to reintegrate back into the community and society. A halfway house or sober living house are both examples of transitional living homes; these are temporary homes.

Sec. 12-44.3 Registration form and contents.

The registration form shall be in a format as provided for by the Department of Planning and Development, and shall include such information as the names, addresses, and phone numbers of both the property owner(s) and the operator(s) of the transitional living home as well as a local emergency contact or designee identified by name, address, telephone number, and email address. The registration shall also provide the maximum number of residents who will be living in the transitional living home at one time, and an acknowledgment that it is the owner's and operator's responsibility to ensure that they and their residents comply with all City ordinances and applicable state law provisions including the payment of occupational license taxes."

SECTION 2: All other paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases, and words of this section, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/5/2023, this Ordinance was adopted by the following vote.

For: 7 Mark Eckard, John leyoub, Rodney Geyen, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford, Luvertha August, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0


Passed and Adopted Mark Eckard
Mark Eckard, President or Presiding Officer

Date 7-5-23

Attest Lynn F. Thibodeaux
Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council

Date 7-5-23

Approved by



Nicholas E. Hunter, Mayor
City of Lake Charles, Louisiana

Date

1-10-23