



# *Sheriff Eric Flowers*

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

September 9, 2022

The Honorable Peter O'Bryan, Chairman  
Indian River Board of County Commissioners  
1801 27th Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32960-3388

Dear Chairman O'Bryan:

Please accept this letter as my request to be placed on the Board of County Commissioner's agenda to discuss the following items:

1. Updating the false alarm ordinance. With improvements in technology, we are experiencing fewer false alarms and I am asking that a change to the current ordinance be considered.
2. Expansion of adult arcades throughout the county portends the need for enhanced local regulation. These facilities traditionally provided entertainment for many retirees and others and were often owned by county residents. As of late, they have been tied to large companies from out of county who have demonstrated a blatant disregard for the safety of our community. Arcades are now often tied to robberies, drug activity, illegal gambling and organized crime.
3. Regulation of sober homes/addiction treatment facilities. Sober homes in residential neighborhoods have proven problematic in many jurisdictions and a county ordinance governing their use is sought.
4. Residency restrictions for sexual offenders. Updates to the current ordinance to include updated definitions of permanent and temporary residences, child care facility, park, playground, sexual offender, and sexual predator. As well as additional expansions to provide protections to the children in our community.

Please place these items under the Constitutional Officers for the September 20, 2022 Board agenda. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  


Eric Flowers  
Sheriff

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