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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I opposed the recommendation to deregulate or remove the code officer licensing from the Texas Department of State Health Services umbrella. I have been a Registered Code Officer through the State for 7 years and take my profession very seriously. I have had the pleasure to work for 2 cities that have made the license a requirement for the position as they also understand the importance of the program. We deal with people every day and the actions of our duties are difficult and complicated. A great deal of our job is dealing with people with mental illness (hoarders for example) and with the aged who may also be suffering from mental illness. Most of the conditions that we encounter (enforce) have a direct correlation with public health and safety.

Having the state license allows us to be more effective and professional in our duties. In my opinion, it should be a requirement for all Cities to require a state licensed individual for this profession. The state license for registration shows that the individual has the knowledge of both the legal aspects of the profession as well as the health and safety aspects.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

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My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree