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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Organization you are affiliated with: City of Lubbock

City: Lubbock

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Not in favor of Deregulation for Code Inspectors- Knowledge of Local, County, and State laws is a vital part of our profession. Deregulation will leave too many officers without the skills and information to legally perform their job responsibilities. The initial training and State licensing ensures new officers the information to begin performing their jobs responsibly and legally. The continuing education required keeps all officers up to date on legal changes within our government. Our CEU classes always cover legal updates and often classes on officer safety, unfortunately safety is an important subject when it comes to doing our job. Deregulation will leave some officers without the skills and knowledge to handle the job they are set out to do. The professionalism in our job needs to be regulated to ensure officer safety and the safety and well being of all of our citizens in our communities.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Transfer

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

Deanna Jandrew RCEO
City of Lubbock

The City of Lubbock does not support the recommendation of the Sunset Commission to deregulate the registration of Code Enforcement Officers for the State of Texas.

State registration is vital to Lubbock and other communities in establishing its employees as professionals and experts in their field in venues such as legal proceedings, courts of law, and interactions with the public and the business community.

Not having these standards diminishes the minimal qualifications and training required and takes away from the professional credibility and recognition needed for the registered Code enforcement officer to effectively do their job.

State wide standards and certifications are provided by the Texas A&M Extension Service and are important to maintain continuity and form a basis from which every code enforcement officer begins their understanding of federal, State, County and Municipal laws and ordinances.

The continuing education required helps keep all officers aware of legal changes and helps make sure officers are all working with up to date legal information, skills and knowledge to maintain safe, legal decisions while in the field.

We are the front line battleground for Public health and Safety. We wear many hats when it comes to the public. We are educators, mediators, advisors, counselors, and sometimes even sounding boards and deal with different people and situations every single day.

Deregulation would hinder the education and training needed for far too many inspectors to effectively do their job in a professional and legal manner.

The City of Lubbock recommends that you do not deregulate but merely move it along to the Texas Department of Licensing and Registration,

Thank you for your time.

Deanna Jandrew