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

It has come to my attention that under Sunset review, it has been recommended that licensing program for Code Enforcement Officers will be suspended. I for one feel that this move is a mistake and could be very detrimental to the health and welfare of the City of Brazoria. During my career with the city, I have personally been responsible for locating a residential property near a school that was harboring and storing explosive materials that were stolen from a local chemical plant. This discovery was made during an investigation into high weeds and rubbish located outside the structure. During the investigation a white powdery substance was discovered on the ground outside the entrance of the residence. Upon further investigation and testing of the product, our local police department was able to obtain a search warrant for the property and all structures onsite. That warrant led to a four day recovery by two local chemical companies that owned the product and also a conviction for the home owner for possessing 25 crates of stolen U.S.Mail.

While the owner of the property most likely did not intend any harm to anyone as he was later diagnosed with a disorder that he would steal things just to see what he could get away with. Had these chemicals been allowed to stay in residence, corrosion could have caused major destruction to the school and our city.

It is with proper training and certification that the City of Brazoria was able to bring this subject to justice and prevent such a tragic event.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that this current program stay in place and not be done away with or transferred to another agency. By transferring to another agency you create more cost to the State in training and down time teaching the program to new people. The program is working even though small in numbers compared to the size of Texas. We as Code Officers usually attend training for continued education hours hosted by other code officers with experience which allows us to know what to look for.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree