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City: Denison, Texas

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I do not support the sunset committee decision. I have had the chance to travel the state and teach advanced code enforcement classes. I have found that as of current date that there is not enough training for code enforcement officers. If this requirement gets removed then no one will get training and civil suites will explode in this state against city governments and staff . With a state requirement to get a certification then at least staff will get some training instead of going through a career blindly.

Continuing education in this field is at the up most importance. The state should not ever do away with the current requirements for code enforcement.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Look for other places to cut cost. Figure out a way to stream line your process so you can cut a little staff but have the training be set up to be entered on a computer network like TECOLE has done. Officers now have to keep up with their own training hours and have a network for the dept training officer to enter the training CEU's into the system. Set code enforcement CEU'S the same way. If they do not get the training then pull their cert and notify them and have a re-cert fee set with required training hours to be submitted just like police have to do.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree