Community Residences Ordinance

The city passed an ordinance to regulate community residences commonly referred to as “sober homes”, in order to protect the residents of those homes, persons with disabilities who are in recovery, from concentrations that undermine the ability of community residents to achieve normalization and community integration, and to protect the character of the neighborhood. The ordinance generally is modeled after an ordinance recently adopted in Delray Beach.

In summary, the ordinance regulates Community Residences, by 1) defining “family” for purposes of regulating dwelling units; 2) defining Community Residences, including two types: Family Community Residences and Transitional Community Residences; 3) allowing Community Residences in the city residential zoning districts as either permitted or conditional uses, depending on the type of Community Residence; 3) requiring certification of all Community Residences by the state credentialing agency under Section 397.487, Florida Statutes; 4) establishing conditional use requirements for Community Residences; and 5) establishing a reasonable accommodation process, by special magistrate, necessary for Community Residences of 11 persons or more, and to allow modifications in the zoning standards.

Essentially, a family is defined as related persons, or up to three (3) unrelated persons. A Community Residence generally is a residential living arrangement for more than (3) unrelated individuals with disabilities, living as a single functional family to provide shelter in a family-like environment, which is important to their recovery. A Family Community Residence is a relatively permanent living arrangement, measured in years, for 4 – 10 persons. A Transitional Community Residence is a temporary living arrangement, measured in weeks or months, for 4- 10 persons.

All Community Residences must register with the City and be certified by the state credentialing agency, if one is available for the type of disability. Community Residences, of either type, are allowed in all residential districts as permitted uses if they are 3 persons or less. Community Residences, of either type, with 11 or more residents, are only allowed in residential districts if they receive a reasonable accommodation approval.

Family community residences (4 – 10 persons) are allowed in all residential districts as a permitted use if they meet 1000’ distance requirements from other community residences and community residential homes (SSRFs). If they do not meet distance separation requirements, they must obtain a conditional use permit, which includes additional standards for community residences.
Transitional community residences (4 – 10 persons) are allowed in single family residential districts by conditional use and must meet 1000’ distance requirements.

Sincerely,

Heather Morais

Neighbors may call a 24-hour Aircraft Noise Abatement Reporting Line at 954-828-6666 report excessively loud aircraft.

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Aircraft Noise Abatement Reporting Line

Neighbors App by Ring

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department encourages our neighbors to download the Neighbors application (iOS/Android), join their neighborhood and discover the power that can emerge from combining neighbors, cameras and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Visit www.flpd.org/ring to learn how to download the Neighbors app by Ring.

Residential Bulk Trash

Just a friendly reminder that no yard

Excellence in Higher Education Act of 2018

This ensures a bright future for our
waste put out on the monthly bulk trash
day is getting recycled! Please try and
put as much as you can out in the
weekly yard waste bins. Please click
the link for additional information.
Residential Bulk Waste Collection Link

state and generations to come. The bill
returns the Florida Bright Futures
Scholarship awards to their pre-
recession levels and will help even
more Floridians in their pursuit of
higher education. The bill expands the
Florida Bright Futures Academic
Scholars (FAS) award to cover the full
cost of tuition and fees, plus a stipend
of $300 for books. The bill expands the
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
award to cover 75% of the full cost of
tuition and fees. The bill also authorizes
the use of Florida Bright Futures
Scholarship awards for the summer
term.

Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

Salvation Army is in great need of volunteer Kitchen Helpers to assist their staff in
prepping and serving meals for those in their shelter.

Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday between 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Please sign up via email by clicking the image above or call 954-712-2435

Please Join Us For A Pre-Agenda Meeting:

June 4, 2018
6:00PM - 7:00PM
Beach Community Center
3351 NE 33rd Avenue

June 18, 2018
6:00PM - 7:00PM
George English Community Center
1101 Bayview Drive

Visit the city website for the commission meeting calendar and agendas.
Upcoming Events

Public Meeting for DC Alexander Park
May 21st, 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Please click image for more details

Great American Beach Party
Saturday, May 26
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Click image for more details

Please join us as we honor those who
served our great nation
Monday, May 28th
9:00 am
Lauderdale Memorial Park Cemetery
2001 Se 4th Avenue &
American Legion Post 36
11:00 am
Sandy Nininger Statue at Fort Lauderdale
Riverwalk

Resident Tree Giveaway
Saturday, June 2
8:30 am-12:00 pm
You can register by clicking the picture.
Congratulations to the winners of the Sister Cities and Florida Turkish American Association’s "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest.

Vision Zero team proclaim April 2018 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Downtowner of the Year Award 2018 with Kelley Shanley, Commissioner Glassman, Sorensen, and Mayor Trantalis

Fort Lauderdale recognizes Fire Rescue Department for obtaining Commission on City Commission presentation

High school students joined Banyan Air Service, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and our office for an evening to learn about aviation-focused careers

Memorial service in honor of those Fort Lauderdale police officers killed in the line of duty.
I had the privilege to speak at the grand opening of Stryker’s Mako Education Center in Fort Lauderdale’s District 1, which will train surgeons from all over the nation on Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Surgery in Fort Lauderdale.

Links For Additional Information

- Enjoy Our Great City! Here's How You Can Have Fun!
- Go Big Go Fast Citywide Infrastructure Update
- Visit our website to learn more about District 1
- Email Our Office for questions, concerns, or appointments

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