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**Subject:** Fwd: Concern Regarding Zoning of Sober/Rehab Halfway Houses  
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Dear Ms. Fesik and Mr. Hardin,

I am reaching out again on this situation, as I have received communication from one of my neighbors that one of these homes is being considered for re zoning at a final hearing on 8/21/2025.

This is very disturbing to me that we have not received any notification from the City to be made aware of this and I have not seen any re zoning signage near this property 2500 NE 19th Street.

We have lived in this neighborhood for 8 years now and this was a quite family neighborhood, now we have seen more police calls, 911 calls, and just strange behavior coming from these houses I have never had to be fearful for myself or my daughter outside of our home until these half way houses opened. This is affecting our property values, and if this is allowed will put the safety of our children at risk, and will impact all of our property values.

I don't understand how the city could allow this type of business in a residential family neighborhood this is unacceptable and I encourage you all to think of how you would feel if this was nextdoor to you or close to your home.

Additionally they have been operating a business without the proper zoning and if allowed how can the community trust they they would follow the rules outlined in the zoning since they clearly have no regard to the rules by opening such a business without the proper licensing and zoning.

I would like the opportunity to speak with both of you to have an open dialogue on this and the fears that will have about this being allowed. Unfortunately I have to be out of town for work and cannot attend the meeting had I known earlier I would have been able to make arrangements to be at the meeting to speak out against the re zoning of this property.

Thank you.  
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Good Afternoon Ms. Fesik,

I am reaching out with a concern related to two sober/rehab houses in my neighborhood (2500 NE 19th Street and 2620 NE 20th Street), I would like to understand how these types of businesses can open and operate within a neighborhood without any regard to the safety and consideration for the homeowners within the surrounding area of the neighborhood.

Since these houses have been operating we have seen more police activity in our neighborhood, not to mention I now feel a little unsafe as we have had strange activity near our house, the other night my daughter arrived home from work to see a man standing in our side yard and when she got out of the car he started to approach her she frantically called my husband who went outside and he had his flashlight on his phone looking at our cars as my husband started walk down our drive he started to head North on our street.

My husband and I have owned three homes and have been residing in Pompano Beach for the last 25 years and I have seen first hand what these types of homes bring to our neighborhood, we encountered this in our first home in Lyons Park many years ago and we ended up selling our house and moving because of all of the issues with these types of houses (drugs, domestic disturbances, break-ins, etc.).

We should not have to fear the safety of our children we have lived in this neighborhood for almost 7 years and I have never feared or had concerns about residing in this neighborhood and now it seems questionable with what we are encountering with these two houses operating in this family neighborhood. While I appreciate and have understanding for anyone that faces addiction and who want to better themselves but these houses/businesses do not always have the best intentions and they do not belong in the middle of a residential neighborhood and they should have to go through the same zoning process as any medical clinic would have to go through to operate a business within the city.

I would appreciate any feedback you can give and would like to have an opportunity to speak with you further about this situation.

Thank you.  
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