

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 1990

Mayor Laginess called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Laginess  
Councilman Broxson  
Councilwoman Buchanan  
Councilman Gage  
Councilman Skelly

Absent: Councilwoman Dumka

Also Present: Manager Borchik                      Attorney McInnis  
Secretary Dole                                      Engineer King  
Marjorie Cummins                                  Nancy Gibson  
Tom Leach    Bill Sullivan

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance No. 139 - First reading of Ordinance No. 139, an ordinance amending Section 7 of the Zoning Ordinance establishing a building height limit of thirty five (35) feet in the C-2 General Commercial District - Attorney McInnis read Ordinance No. 139 by title only. Councilman Skelly made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 139, seconded by Councilwoman Buchanan. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Ordinance No. 140 - First reading of Ordinance No. 140, an ordinance amending Section 3 and Section 6 of the Zoning Ordinance establishing a new zoning district, MR-1, Mixed Residential Family Dwelling District and setting forth specific requirements for the construction and placement of dwelling units within the MR-1 District - Attorney McInnis read Ordinance No. 140 by title only. Councilman Skelly made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 140, seconded by Councilman Broxson. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Minutes - July 2, July 12, July 30, 1990 - Councilman Gage made a motion to approve the minutes of July 2, July 12, and July 30, 1990, seconded by Councilman Broxson. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report - July, 1990 - Councilwoman Buchanan made a motion to accept the July Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Auditor Contract - Creel, Bryan & Gallagher - Mrs. Marjorie Cummins, Creel, Bryan & Gallagher, briefly explained the auditor's duties and responsibilities and requested the Council consider a three year contract with Creel, Bryan & Gallagher for the annual audit. Councilman Gage made a motion that Creel, Bryan and Gallagher be selected again to do the audit and that the Town enter into a three year contract with them, seconded by Councilman Broxson. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Better Business Council - Proposal & Funding Request - Councilman Skelly made a motion to approve \$100.00 as appropriated for the Better Business Council membership, seconded by Councilwoman Buchanan. The motion was unanimously approved. In response to a request from the Better Business Council for approval by the Town of a centralized screening by the County of all solicitors, Attorney McInnis suggested that the Council allow the County to act on the request before the Town took any action.

5. Storage Building Location - Citing a citizen complaint and a lack of aesthetic appeal, Councilman Skelly objected to the placement of the storage building behind the Town Hall, but had no long term solution to the problem at this time.

6. Town Hall Use Policy - Committee Selection - Mayor Laginess appointed Councilman Broxson to chair a committee to determine the rules and regulations for the use of the Town Hall. Councilmen Gage & Skelly will serve on the committee along with Councilman Broxson.

7. October & November Town Council Meetings - Since election day falls on the first Tuesday in October and November, the Council agreed to change the regularly scheduled monthly Council meetings to the first Thursday, October 4 and November 1, 1990 at 6:00 PM.

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilman Skelly:

- a. Eglin Pedestrian Signal - Asked Councilmembers to assist him by calling Senator Bruner's office to enlist his aid.
- b. There are some large potholes on Kelly Avenue.

Councilman Gage had these comments:

- a. Inquired about the abandoned equipment and automobile at 38 Kelly Avenue. Manager Borchik stated the Code Enforcement Officer would take care of the problem.
- b. Explained Amendment 3 and asked the Councilmembers to support it.

PUBLIC REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Administrative Committee - No Report
- 2. Finance & Budget Committee - No Report
- 3. Comprehensive Plan Committee - No Report

CORRESPONDENCE - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT -

a. The Ft. Walton Beach Water Department has notified the Town that backflow preventers must be installed at the Town Hall and the parks. The cost will be between \$200-\$500.00 each.

b. A reminder - Special Council Meeting August 20 for the second reading and proposed adoption of Ordinances 139 and 140.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - The monthly Town Picnic will be held the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Town Manager/Clerk

NOTE: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part and is on file in the office of the Town Manager/Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 139

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX A, SECTION 7, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA, WITH REFERENCE TO BUILDING HEIGHT IN C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH SAID ORDINANCE, SEVERING INVALID PORTIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE; PRESCRIBING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of the Town Council of the Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida, deem it to be in the best interests of the Town to standardize building height regulations within the Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, building height regulations for R-1 Multiple Family Dwelling District and C-1 Limited Commercial District presently state that no building or structure shall exceed thirty five (35) feet in height; and,

WHEREAS, building height regulations for C-2 General Commercial District presently state that there is no building height limit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA. THAT:

SECTION 1. Appendix A, "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 7(b). Building Height Regulations: No building or structure shall exceed thirty five (35) feet in height."

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any word, sentence, phrase, clause, section or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion of words shall be deemed a separate and independent provision and such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. All ordinances and resolutions of the governing body in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 1990.

Approved:

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Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 140

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX A, SECTION 3, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA, ADDING A FOURTH DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIXED RESIDENTIAL FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, MR-1, REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH SAID ORDINANCE, SEVERING INVALID PORTIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE; PRESCRIBING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of the Town Council of the Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida, deem it to be in the best interests of the Town to establish a zoning district that will allow the construction/placement of mixed residential housing unit; and,

WHEREAS, an area exists within the Town where mixed housing units, i.e., single family houses, single and duplex apartments and mobile homes, have been situated since the Town was chartered in 1950; and,

WHEREAS, the present zoning ordinance does not provide guidelines for the placement and occupancy of mobile homes within the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA. THAT:

SECTION 1. Appendix A, "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Section 3. The first paragraph is amended to read:

In order to classify and regulate the uses of land and buildings, the height and bulk of buildings, the area of yards and other open spaces about the buildings, and the intensity of land use, the Town of Cinco Bayou is divided into four (4) districts to be known as follows:

R-1 Multiple Family Dwelling District

MR-1 Mixed Residential Family Dwelling District

C-1 Limited Commercial District

C-2 General Commercial District

(The remaining paragraphs of Section 3 are unchanged)

B. Section 6. Add the following:

Section 6. MR-1 MIXED RESIDENTIAL FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT.

(a) Uses permitted: Within any MR-1 Mixed Residential Family Dwelling District, no building, structure, land or water shall be used except for one (1) or more of the following uses:

- (1) Any uses permitted in R-1 district.
- (2) Mobile homes.
- (3) Mobile home parks.

(b) Building height regulations: No building or structure shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height.

(c) Building site area required: The minimum building site area shall be one lot or a parcel of land five thousand (5,000) square feet in area for each one (single) family dwelling; for each two-family dwelling three thousand (3,000) square feet; for each multiple-family dwelling one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet; for each mobile home two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet. Such parcels or lots shall have a minimum front width of at least fifty (50) feet for permanent structures and twenty five (25) feet for mobile homes. Where a lot or parcel of land has an area of less than the above required minimum and was recorded as such at the time of the passage of this ordinance, said lot may be occupied by a single-family dwelling, provided however that the minimum side and front yard requirements set out in this section are conformed with.

(d) Front yard required: There shall be a front yard of a depth not less than the average depths of the front yards of the lots within the same block fronting the same street whether immediately adjacent thereto or not. In case there is no dwelling in the block, the front yard shall be not less than twenty (20) feet.

(e) Side yard required: There shall be a side yard on each side of the main building/mobile home having a width of not less than five (5) feet.

(f) Rear yard required: There shall be a rear yard not less than twenty-five (25) feet in depth, for principal building on the lot and not less than seven and one-half (7- 1/2) feet for accessory buildings.

(g) Lot Coverage: Fifty (50) per cent of the lot area is the maximum which may be covered by structures.

(h) Off-street parking regulations: Where a lot is occupied by a multiple dwelling, there shall be provided accessible parking space on the lot, either garage or surfaced area, adequate to accommodate one (1) car for every dwelling unit on the lot. See Section 9.

(i) Mobile Home Parks: A mobile home park will have sufficient space as defined in paragraphs (c) through (h) for a minimum of four (4) mobile homes.

D. Present Section 6 to be renumbered Section 7 and all subsequent sections of this appendix to be renumbered accordingly.

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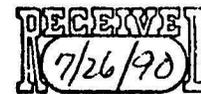
Adopted this 20th day of August, 1990.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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Town Manager/Clerk



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## GREEL, BRYAN & GALLAGHER

July 18, 1990

J. STEVE JAY, C.P.A.  
JOHN R. HAYNES, C.P.A.  
JIMMY D. MESSICK, C.P.A.  
MARJORIE L. CUMMINS, C.P.A.  
GENE G. BARKER, C.P.A.

R. BRENTWOOD BRYAN, C.P.A.  
CONSULTANT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Town Council  
Town of Cinco Bayou  
10 Yacht Club Drive  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter will confirm our understanding of the arrangements to make an examination of the financial statements of the various funds and account groups of the Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida (hereinafter referred to as Town), for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1990, 1991, and 1992.

We shall examine the financial statements of the Town, including all funds and account groups, as of September 30, 1990, 1991, and 1992 and provide such accounting and auditing services as deemed necessary including a review of any capital expenditures made during the fiscal years, the preparation of appropriate year-end adjustments, and the preparation of the Annual Financial Report of Units of Local Government to be filed with the Florida Department of Banking and Finance.

We will also perform a financial and compliance audit in accordance with

- Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States,
- the provisions of OMB Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments", and
- the Rules of the Auditor General, Chapter 10.550, applicable revision.

As part of our examination, we will make a study and evaluation of the system of internal accounting control of the Town to the extent we consider necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the provisions of OMB Circular A-128, "Audit of State and Local Governments"; and the Rules of the Auditor General, Chapter 10.550, applicable revision.

Our examination of the financial statements will be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and will include such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances and will be directed to the expression of our opinion on the fairness of presentation of the financial statements taken as a whole in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to municipal governments.

An examination directed to the expression of an opinion on the financial statements is not primarily or specifically designed, and cannot be relied upon, to disclose defalcations or other similar irregularities should any exist, although their discovery may result. However, we will inform you of any such matters that come to our attention.

Although we will prepare, or assist you in preparing, the financial statements to which our examination is directed, the responsibility for fairness of presentation of the statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles is yours. Consequently, prior to final completion of the financial statements, the City Clerk and/or other designees of the City Council will be given the opportunity to review them.

We will require the assistance of your office personnel to prepare schedules and confirmation requests or locate and submit to us invoices, vouchers, cancelled checks and other documents and records which we request. This will serve to reduce our time and expedite the earliest completion of our field work and the audit report.

Effective January 1, 1989, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, requires the following continuing professional education related to governmental auditing engagements. Auditors responsible for planning, directing, conducting, or reporting on government audits should complete, every 2 years, at least 80 hours of continuing education and training which contributes to the auditor's professional proficiency. Individuals responsible for planning, directing, conducting substantial portions of the field work, or reporting on the government audit should complete at least 24 of the 80 hours of continuing education and training in subjects directly related to the government environment and to government auditing. We hereby advise that we have met this requirement as it relates to this engagement.

Our fee for the services enumerated above will be primarily dependent upon the time required to complete the engagement. Based upon our experience in auditing prior years for the Town, and subject to the books and records being up-to-date and maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, we estimate that our annual fee will range between \$4,400 and \$4,950. We will make every effort to keep our time at a minimum consistent with quality professional services required by the engagement. If, however, we should encounter unexpected problems and it becomes apparent that our bill will exceed the maximum costs of \$4,950, we will bring the matter to your attention immediately. Our bill will be due and payable upon receipt.

Whenever possible, we will attempt to use your personnel. This effort should reduce our time requirements and help you hold down audit fees.

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During the course of our engagement, we may observe opportunities for economy in or improved controls over your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

Please indicate your agreement with the arrangements discussed herein by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter.

We appreciate your confidence in again retaining us as your certified public accountants and look forward to a continuing professional relationship.

Sincerely,

CREEL, BRYAN & GALLAGHER  
Certified Public Accountants



Marjorie L. Cummins

MLC:pja

Town of Cinco Bayou, Florida

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**BETTER BUSINESS COUNCIL**

**Of the Emerald Coast**

P.O. Box 640  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32549  
(904) 664-2515

July 17, 1990

**TO:** The Honorable Charles Laginess, Mayor  
The Honorable Dorothy Buchanan, Councilman  
The Honorable Richard Gage, Councilman  
The Honorable Joyce Dumka, Councilman  
The Honorable Eugene Broxson, Councilman  
The Honorable Joseph Skelly, Councilman

**FROM:** Evelyn Schrader, Chairman  
Better Business Council of the Emerald Coast

**RE:** TOWN SUPPORT OF THE BETTER BUSINESS COUNCIL  
OF THE EMERALD COAST

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As our area grows, the percentage of "questionable" businesses coming to our area will also increase.

To protect both consumers and honest businesses, the Better Business Council of the Emerald Coast has maintained and supported a fully staffed Council office for many years. The Council staff receives over 3,000 calls each year from consumers who have problems with area businesses. A formal, written complaint procedure is used to record and investigate these complaints. We are pleased to report that our record of assistance in resolving these complaints is very good.

The Better Business Council of the Emerald Coast also serves as a referral service. Because of the success of our consumer education program, many consumers call the Council before they decide to do business with any company to determine if the business has any outstanding complaints on file or if they have a good consumer record. We feel the Council has saved consumers thousands of dollars and many problems over the years.

As the demand for the services of the Better Business Council have increased, so has the cost of providing this service. At the present time the total cost to operate the Better Business Council is \$25,000.00 per year. In an effort to underwrite the cost of this valuable community service, separate memberships in the Council have been established. To date approximately 75 businesses have joined the Council.

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Because the Better Business Council provides service to all areas of the County, the Chambers of Commerce in Crestview, Destin, and Niceville/Valparaiso have pledged their support of the Council and have urged their members to help underwrite the cost of this valuable and needed service.

To supplement the funds that the business community is contributing to the Council, we are inviting all the municipalities in Okaloosa County and the County Commission to assist in the funding of this worthy service.

The amount requested from the Town of Cinco Bayou in 1990/91 is \$100.00.

As a funding partner of the Better Business Council, a representative from the Town of Cinco Bayou would be entitled to serve on the Council's policy making Board of Directors.

We hope that the Town of Cinco Bayou will be able to include the Better Business Council in the 1990/91 fiscal year budget.

The enclosed materials will further acquaint you with the programs and services of the Council. Should you need additional information about the Better Business Council, we will be pleased to appear at one of your budget hearings.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Evelyn Schrader, Chairman  
BETTER BUSINESS COUNCIL  
OF THE EMERALD COAST

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Enclosures

BETTER BUSINESS COUNCIL  
OF THE EMERALD COAST

ACTIVITY LOG

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u> (to 7/15)
Total Telephone Calls	3,903	1,737
Total Walk-ins	370	98
Total Complaints Filed	180	148
Total Responses to Complaints	147	113

The Better Business Council Board of Directors and staff make their time available to present consumer education programs to clubs and organizations in the county, at no charge. The Council also contributes consumer education articles to the Hurlburt Field Commando, Eglin Eagle, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Coast Lines, as well as, consumer alerts in the Northwest Florida Daily News and the Destin Log. Future plans include a weekly consumer education column in local news publications.

1989 ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \* Created and adopted Better Business Council By-Laws
- \* Invited reputable and ethical businesses to apply for membership
- \* Presented members with official BBC membership plaques
- \* Obtained separate BBC telephone number, directory listing, and after hours message equipment
- \* Continued public speaking engagements to educate the general public
- \* Received the endorsement and support of all four Chambers of Commerce in Okaloosa County
- \* Assisted in closing down several "scam" operations in Fort Walton Beach and Destin
- \* First Board of Directors formed from member volunteers
- \* Conducted first election of Board of Directors composed of BBC members
- \* Staff attended, for the first time, Florida Association of Better Business Organizations' conference
- \* Became regular contributor to Hurlburt Commando newspaper
- \* Monthly contributor to Chamber's Coast Lines newsletter
- \* Counseled with approximately 370 consumers on both an appointment and walk-in basis
- \* Handled approximately 250 written complaints and over 3,800 telephone calls for assistance, business referrals, and inquiries
- \* Issued consumer alerts through the local media

1990 GOALS

- \* Computerize Council records for more efficient operations
- \* Organize seminar for members on the "Do's and Don'ts of Advertising"
- \* Publish a weekly column in area newspapers addressing consumer alerts, general consumer education
- \* Organize promotion during National Consumer Education Week
- \* Install toll-free telephone line for callers outside immediate area (when membership in those areas warrants the service)
- \* Increase membership throughout the Emerald Coast.
- \* Form Advertising Watchdog Committee from within membership to promote truth in advertising by area businesses
- \* Continue working with local law enforcement agencies, State Attorney's Office and Florida Division of Consumer Services to eradicate scams, frauds, misrepresentations and deceptive business practices on the Emerald Coast.
- \* Publish informative brochure on services of the Better Business Council
- \* Expand services to businesses and consumers
- \* Publish BBC newsletter bi-annually or quarterly to keep members informed on current activities and topics

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**BETTER BUSINESS COUNCIL**

**Of the Emerald Coast**

P.O. Box 640  
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(904) 664-2515

July 27, 1990

Cinco Bayou Town Council  
10 N.E. Yacht Club Drive  
Fort Walton Beach, FL. 32548

RE: Charitable Solicitor's Registration

Dear Council Members:

In an effort to present a clearer picture of the request submitted by the Better Business Council of the Emerald Coast regarding the establishment of a charitable solicitor's registration clear-  
inghouse, we wish to provide the following information:

BACKGROUND

Prior to June 28, 1989, all charitable organizations/solicitors were required to register with the Florida Secretary of State's Office before any solicitations occurred within the state. This registration requirement provided a source to which consumer oriented councils and bureaus could turn in seeking information about a charitable organization doing business in Florida.

Effective June 28, 1989, this registration procedure was abolished and the burden of information gathering was placed on the potential donor. Under the Solicitation of Funds Act, the Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services has the responsibility to investigate and the power to subpoena the records of those charitable organizations that fall under the new Chapter 496 and engage in illegal activities. However, in most cases, the initial inquiry or complaint from a consumer is handled on the local level.

Though this new law has its' good points, the lifting of the registration requirement has opened the doors wide in Florida for unscrupulous solicitors who, under the guise of a charitable and legitimate organization, bilk thousands of dollars from good hearted and unsuspecting citizens.

To compound the situation, many so-called "charitable" solicitors adopt sound-alike names for their organization; i.e., Toys 'n Tots, Missing Children's Foundation. Due to the vast amount of publicity generated about missing and abused children and the child and teenage drug problem, these two themes are widely used by bogus solicitors who know that the majority of Americans

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will gladly donate to find solutions to these serious ills of society.

Under the new Chapter 496 of Florida law, it is the responsibility of the potential donor to request printed information on the charity before making a decision to donate. Information should include the purpose of the solicitation, the total amount of funds raised in the past year or, if a new organization, the total amount anticipated to be raised, the costs of fund raising, the total raised that **actually** went to the charity, and whether the services of a professional fund raiser have been or will be used.

An educated consumer is the key factor in the recognition of those so-called charitable organizations who have their own best interests at heart. Needless to say, a prime target of the unscrupulous solicitor is the elderly who grew up at a time when anyone asking for donations to a worthy cause was met with open arms and open pocketbooks.

The Better Business Council Board of Directors feels that by requiring a charitable solicitor or organization to register with the Council will allow both the appropriate law enforcement agency and the Council staff to conduct a background check on the individual/organization. A maximum of five (5) business days would be allowed for this information to be gathered though it is projected that a much shorter time period will actually be necessary.

Having a record of these charitable solicitors in the BBC files will create a central clearinghouse for information on these solicitors throughout the county. This information would be available to any law enforcement agency, municipal, county, and state governments, as well as, federal agencies. This information would also be available to any consumer who is questioning the legitimacy of a charitable organization.

During the not too distant past the following examples of bogus charitable solicitations have occurred in Okaloosa County:

1. "TEENAGE HOTLINE" - husband and wife soliciting donations from motorists on SR 85 near Niceville under the guise of an organization to help troubled youth. Fact: All money collected went into their pockets. Man has extensive criminal record.
2. "SOCIETY FOR YOUNG VICTIMS" - Soliciting via telemarketing for funds for abused children. Contributing businesses were given tickets for a "free" children's movie. Fact: Majority of money donated went to solicitor.

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3. COMMUNITY AID & SERVICES - Soliciting advertising to raise funds to build girls club in area. Claimed to be a non-profit business initially but had plans to become a for profit business. Solicited donations from local businesses (\$75, \$50 or \$25) to stage a Christmas party for local senior citizens. Research revealed that the solicitor had an extensive criminal record and that the senior's Christmas party was non-existent.

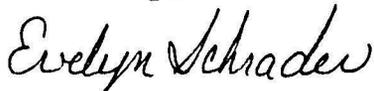
The Better Business Council would like to expand this program to include all applicant's for any type of solicitor's license; however, it is felt by the BBC Board of Directors that initially the program should be limited to charitable solicitors. This will allow the Council staff to plant the program firmly in place before expanding into other areas.

#### SUMMARY

The Better Business Council of the Emerald Coast is concerned with promoting legitimate charitable organizations whose primary reason for existence is to further their cause. Each penny that is contributed to a bogus charity is a penny taken away from a legitimate organization. By having this information on file, we can provide accurate and timely information to consumers and businesses before they make a decision to contribute.

We hope this information will be helpful to you in reviewing our request.

Sincerely,



Evelyn Schrader, Chairman



Carol A. Magmer, Director

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