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*Includes burglary, larceny, auto theft

**Includes murder, rape, robbery, assault

***Includes rape, indecent exposure, lewd & lascivious, child molest

****Includes moving and parking violations

The sex offense rates in the study areas is most significant. There is a higher number of sex offenses committed within Study Areas One and Two which have a larger number of adult entertainment businesses located within them. Although the analysis demonstrated in the comparison will not in itself establish an effectual relationship between adult entertainment businesses and crime rates. The statistics do clearly show that within each study area the incidences are substantially higher than in the areas where adult entertainment is not offered.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the measures and samples chosen to determine the effects of adult entertainment businesses on neighborhoods and the attitudes of residents living near these establishments, the results of the study are quite clear. The study found that the following conditions exist within the Study Areas:

- The housing base within a study area decreases substantially with the concentration of these commercial uses.
- Properties located within a one-block radius of an adult entertainment business realize a decrease in property value (affecting both residential and commercial properties).
- Properties located near adult entertainment businesses experience an increase in listings on the real estate market.
- The presence of adult entertainment businesses result in a relative deterioration of the residential condition of a neighborhood.
- A statistically significant increase in crime is found in areas where adult entertainment businesses are located.
- The average crime rate in the study areas was seventy-two percent (72%) higher than that rate for control areas.
- Sex-related crimes occurred more frequently within neighborhoods having at least one adult entertainment business than in those with no adult businesses.

- The neighborhood residents within the study areas perceive far greater neighborhood problems than residents of the control areas.

- Study area residents feared significantly more neighborhood deterioration and crime than residents of the control areas.

No conclusions can be drawn from this study which correlate directly to a type of sexually oriented adult entertainment business. The difficulty of deriving measures for certain types of adult businesses necessitates collecting data regarding all types of adult entertainment businesses. The measures chosen for the study design, residential neighborhood condition and crime, are less difficult to convert statistically.

Since the effects demonstrated in this study relate to the concentration of adult entertainment businesses, the following recommendations should be considered in enactment of an ordinance regulating entertainment uses:

(1) That the ordinance support a reasonable balance between neighborhood protection and the constitutional right of these businesses to exist.

(2) That the location of adult entertainment businesses be limited in a given area to avoid the concentration of such establishments.

(3) That a licensing system be established for categorization of these uses, such license to be obtained by the Chief of Police or other designee.

(4) That a statement of purpose be contained within the ordinance itself to support the validity of the regulation.

(5) That the ordinance assert and show that the regulation protects the welfare of the citizenry and the quality of neighborhoods.

(6) That the ordinance specify distances from which an adult entertainment business may be located from a residential area, public use, or any other regulated use.

(7) That the provisions state, in some manner, the business of selling or dispensing alcoholic beverages within an adult entertainment establishment.

(8) That no adult entertainment establishment conduct business in a manner which permits the observation of such to any adjacent property.

(9) That annual inspections be required of all adult entertainment businesses to determine if all provisions are complied with.

(10) That provisions for a penalty and fine be enacted for adult entertainment businesses violating the ordinance.