

OBJECTIVE

The object of this report is to review the current state of knowledge about the secondary impacts of sex oriented businesses upon its immediate neighborhood. This report deals with the secondary impacts upon nearby residential and commercial areas, as well as educational, recreational, and religious facilities with particular reference to what this means for smaller municipalities.

SUMMARY

Sex oriented businesses, although protected under First Amendment guarantees, can facilitate and support undesirable and detrimental patterns of activity in their vicinity. These secondary impacts are incompatible with activities and uses in residential areas, or near educational, recreational, and religious facilities. They also have negative impacts upon local businesses in their immediate neighborhood. When combined with additional sex oriented establishments or establishments serving alcoholic beverages, the evidence indicates that there are additional increases in undesirable and harmful patterns of activity.

It is important to point out that secondary impacts of sex oriented businesses is not a recent problem. Secondary activities associated with sex oriented businesses have historically included personal and property crimes as well as solicitation for prostitution, gambling, organized criminal activity, illicit drug transactions, shanghaiing/kidnaping, disorderly conduct, and other public nuisance activities. The work of many municipalities in examining the impact of sex oriented businesses buttresses the historic record providing ample evidence in support of regulation and restriction of the location and concentration of these types of business enterprises.