

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3086

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to county and municipal government; enacting the Neighborhood Bill of Rights Act; specifying requirements for county and municipal governing bodies to enable certain citizens to be informed; requiring county governing bodies to maintain certain registry; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-107 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Neighborhood Bill of Rights Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-108 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Citizens of this state that reside in neighborhoods throughout the municipalities and counties of this state have an interest in the issues that affect enjoyment and use of their property. In the interest of keeping those citizens informed, counties and municipalities shall abide by the following procedures that are in addition to any existing state laws or local ordinances that may be required:

1. Citizen inquiries to a municipal or county governing body shall receive a prompt and courteous response within one (1) business day of the contact, even if the response is one which requires additional research;

2. Citizens of an affected neighborhood shall receive advance notification of municipal-related public works or utility projects taking place within or adjacent to a neighborhood, which will include the probable length of such work and any changes of routes to be taken; and

3. Citizens of an affected neighborhood shall receive notice of any application for zoning changes, land use variances or exceptions, Planned Unit Developments, or other significant land use action, which notice shall include an explanation, a date, time and place of any public hearings, and other opportunities for public input.

B. The board of county commissioners of all counties of this state shall maintain a registry of neighborhoods in their respective county, whether within municipal limits or in unincorporated areas. Those neighborhoods that qualify for recognition for the registry shall be a neighborhood association designated as a Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or allowed to be recognized by agreement between the county and the neighborhood, but such neighborhood shall have identifiable boundaries.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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