

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in the interest of protecting children of all ages against sexual predators and to inform and educate concerned residents on the topic of sex offenders, it is the opinion of the Mayor and Council that research should be conducted on current sex offender laws and bills currently being considered by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, current enforcement of sex offender laws, along with action being taken by other cities and states to protect children from those who commit sexual offenses against minors, should also be researched; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that recommendations for effective sex offender legislation must be objective and thoroughly considered, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to create a Sex Offender Legislation Review Committee that will consist of concerned citizens and members of Council; and

WHEREAS, Council, in an effort to be proactive against sexual abuse crimes, establishes this committee to help all the citizens of Dover protect children of all ages against sexual predators; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover will adopt a standard where sexual offenses of any kind will not be tolerated and fully supports the creation of a committee to research these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER HEREBY ESTABLISHES A SEX OFFENDER LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL:

Be an ad-hoc committee with the initial scope of:

1. Researching current sex offender laws that have been adopted.
2. Investigating current bills under consideration by the State Legislature that are related to sex offenders.
3. Looking into the current level of enforcement of the City's sex offender laws.
4. Exploring what other cities and states are doing to protect children from those who commit sexual offenses against minors.
5. Considering what measures the City of Dover can adopt to elicit a standard where sexual offenses will not be tolerated.

Consist of the following members:

- Nine (9) members - one selected by each Council Member, with the Chair being appointed by the Council President

ADOPTED: \*