

# City of Wilton Manors

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June 7, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor, State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Veto Request for CS/HB 403 Home Based Businesses

Dear Governor DeSantis

I am writing today to urge your veto of CS/HB 403.

Wilton Manors is a small city of about 13,000 residents, primarily living in well established single family neighborhoods. We wholeheartedly support entrepreneurship, but not at the expense of the peace and quiet of neighborhoods, quality of life and residential property values. Like so many others, our City has created common sense requirements for commercial uses of residential properties that fit our community. We utilize zoning to minimize incompatible uses and balance competing property rights.

Key components of a good bill governing home based businesses would include:

- local government authority over hours of operation,
- local government authority to place limits on business signs, exterior storage and traffic generated by the business, and
- local government authority to prohibit business activities occurring within view of the street.

If passed, CS/HB 403 will further erode the home rule powers of local government, and will void our existing ordinance that were tailored to meet the needs of our community. It will also mena a further erosion of the traditional single family home neighborhoods that are part of the American Dream.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Newton".

Scott Newton, Mayor

**Wilton Manors is a Community Wildlife Habitat**