



Office of the City Manager

May 18, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: CS/HB 403 – Home-Based Businesses

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The purpose of this communication is to ask for you to consider vetoing CS/HB 403 regarding home-based businesses. Should this bill become law, it would allow any type of business to open in a home which could lead to health and safety issues as well as endangering the welfare of neighboring residents and a reduced quality of life. Home ownership is part of the American dream. However, instead of a dream this bill could lead to potential nightmares including living next door to businesses who deal with dangerous items such as fireworks or dangerous chemicals such as funeral homes and boat refurbishment establishments. Allowing unregulated home-based businesses would mean peaceful neighborhoods would see an increase in customer traffic, noise, business deliveries and other nuisances.

In closing, the City of New Port Richey requests that you please consider vetoing CS/HB 403 regarding home-based businesses as State statutes already require local governments to have comprehensive land use plans that designate what businesses are permitted in different areas of each municipality. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss the City's position further, please contact my office at (727) 853-1021. Thank you very much for your time and your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debbie L. Manns", is written over the "Best regards," text.

Debbie L. Manns
City Manager

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