



May 14, 2021

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

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

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As City Manager for the City of Orange City, Florida, I strongly urge you to veto CS/HB 403 Home-Based Businesses.

Zoning is an inherent function of local government. The primary purpose of zoning is to minimize incompatible uses and balance competing property rights. In practice, zoning is used to prevent new development or uses from unfairly interfering with existing uses.

State statutes already require local governments to have comprehensive land use plans that designate what businesses are permitted in different areas of each municipality. Local ordinances account for the differing impacts on residential uses posed by specific business uses within a community. For example, low-intensity uses such as professional offices may be compatible with residential neighborhoods in some cases, while high-intensity uses such as a repair yard or a 24-hour gym may not be compatible under any condition. CS/HB 403 would change the character, look and feel of Florida's neighborhoods as well as impact residents' peaceable enjoyment of their home.

Given the contentious and controversial circumstances surrounding the passage of CS/HB 403, in conjunction with the increased potential for adverse impact on residential neighborhoods and their respective property values, I sincerely request you veto CS/HB 403.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Dale Arrington, City Manager
City of Orange City

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