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Dear Local Business Owner or Operator,

You may be aware that on August 16, 2016, the Deer Park City Council adopted ordinance number 3834, clarifying and implementing required annual permits for certain businesses in our community. This ordinance was adopted in order to ensure the continued safety of our community and to ensure that businesses receive adequate fire safety guidance through routine inspections. A copy of the adopted ordinance is enclosed for your reference.

Your businesses is identified in section **42-121 (d):** Foster homes or group foster homes. This category primarily includes private homes licensed for foster care services 24-hours per day, and the required annual permit is further classified by the number of people allowed per the facility's stateissued license (not necessarily the current enrollment). If you are unsure of your licensed capacity, our staff will be happy to assist with identification of this number. In this case, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at 281-478-7281.

Annual permits will expire on December 31, and should be renewed each year prior to expiration. During the initial implementation, we will be accepting permit applications now through January 31, 2017, and issuing permits which will expire December 31, 2017.

Applications for permits should be submitted to the address listed above (in person or by mail) along with the appropriate fee. Please feel free to use the enclosed permit application form or download an electronic version from our "Quick Links" section at: <u>www.deerparktx.gov/fmo</u>. We look forward to issuing your permit soon!

Please do not hesitate to call or write if you need further assistance.

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