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Ms. Martha Camp
1809 Sabine Court
College Station, Texas 77843

Dear Ms. Camp:

I am writing in response to the concerns regarding the City's ordinance regulating the smoking of tobacco products in public places you raised during the "Hear Visitors" segment of the City Council's April 10, 2003 meeting. As I understand it, you are concerned that the current ordinance prohibits smoking in bowling alleys and believe that this provision should be changed. As a City Council, we are very appreciative of the citizen input we receive at the "Hear Visitors" segment of our meetings. As I mentioned at the Council meeting, state law prohibits the City Council from addressing items not included on the City Council meeting agenda. For your concerns regarding the City's smoking ordinance to be discussed, they would have to be included on a future agenda for the Council to begin a dialogue surrounding those issues.

The City Council policy regarding adding an item to the agenda requires that a Councilmember submit the item at a Council Workshop. The Council then votes on whether or not it wishes to place the item on a future regular agenda for consideration. I will send copies of this letter to each Councilmember, and if any member chooses, he or she may begin the process of adding your concerns to a future City Council meeting agenda. If that occurs, we will notify you of when that discussion might take place.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your input at the April 10th Council meeting. Citizen input and participation is also welcomed and encouraged.

Sincerely,

Ron Silva
Mayor

cc: Thomas E. Brymer, City Manager
Harvey Cargill, Jr. City Attorney
Anne Hazen, Councilmember
John Happ, Councilmember
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