

August 6, 2020

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the neighborhood on North Cooper. The last three consecutive families living at 235 N Cooper have been exceptionally bad neighbors, all involved in drug selling, drug use, dogs at large, late-night outdoor activities, very loud 'music' and general disruption. Several of us have had a deputy out here for these infractions, but they continue. An arrest was made two weeks ago at that house, but the arrestee was back there in five days, doing exactly what she was arrested for. How does this happen?

We know that the police/deputies get countless calls from folks complaining about unpleasant behavior, and I'm sure they get tired of it, but it seems nothing gets done, even though many of these activities are illegal. What is the purpose of law enforcement? Is there a 'good old boys' pact of some sort that says the public be damned? Sure seems that way. And we are sick and tired of things being swept under the 'no noise ordinance' rug. This is NOT common noise. It is excessive, persistent and pervasive to the point where it is inhumane, ruins people's lives and keeps many neighbors from sleeping. One neighbor, in the last couple of days, called (she said 'a commissioner') with her speaker phone on so there could be no mistaking about what was going on. Two days ago also, another neighbor was attacked by one of the recently-acquired dogs at 235. When are we finally going to get something done about this? Aren't six+ years of this abysmal behavior enough for us?

Somewhat off the subject, but nevertheless related, is the fact that this fairly small area where we live is, oddly, a little cut-out in what would ordinarily be the city. These criminals, being street smart, know it is a 'county' area, and they know they can get away with behavior that would be banned in the city. They also know the landlord lives out of state, so it's a magnet for the low-life population. It would certainly be appreciated if this little spot could be treated as being within the city limits in regard to illegal activity.

I want to add my vote to my neighbor's request (the one who called) to changing the county ordinance situation. She was told the commissioners 'would consider it'.

The population is growing, and with it the human scum. What I have just written about continues to happen and gets worse; there is every reason to believe it will continue in that vein.

PLEASE, take some action SOON to help the residents of this county have better living conditions.

Sincerely,



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240 Cooper Lane

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