

PRESS RELEASE
March 19, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

**CITY OF FRANKLIN CITIZENS SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE AND
VOICE CONCERN OVER PROPOSED SENATE BILL 548.**

**PROPOSED STATUTE WOULD INVALIDATE THE CITY'S SEX OFFENDER
RESIDENCY RESTRICTION AND CHILD SAFETY ZONE ORDINANCE.**

The Wisconsin State Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing will hold a public hearing on Senate Bill 548 on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 10:05 a.m. in Room 411 South at the State Capitol in Madison.

Senate Bill 548, if approved, would nullify or invalidate the City of Franklin's sex offender residency restriction and child safety zone ordinances. The City of Franklin's sex offender residency restriction and child safety zone ordinances were enacted by the Common Council in an effort to make the City of Franklin a safer place for children and for women. These ordinances have been tested in the courts and, according to Franklin's law enforcement officials, have served the community very well. The Mayor and Common Council have approved a resolution opposing the proposed legislation.

Citizens should contact their local Senator and urge them to continue to oppose Bill 548. Citizens should also contact Senator Lena Taylor, sponsor of Bill 548, and express their concern for this proposed legislation that puts the safety of children at risk. Senator Taylor may be reached at 1-608-266-5810 or sen.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Please go to the home page of the City of Franklin's website for more information about Bill 548, the upcoming related hearing, and other information related to this topic. The City of Franklin's website address is <http://www.franklinwi.gov>.

For additional information on this press release or the City's efforts, please contact Police Chief Rick Oliva at 414-425-2522 or at roliva@franklinwi.gov.