



TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE

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Mayor Stanley, City Council Members, and Whom It May Concern,

Texas Right to Life commends you on your effort to thoroughly consider a city ordinance to designate Amarillo, Texas as a Sanctuary City for the Unborn. This is a tangible way to realize your Pro-Life commitments by saving vulnerable children as well as protecting the mothers and families in your community. While we encourage each county and city debating Pro-Life ordinances to explore policies that best serve their specific individual community, **we strongly advise against the “Alternative Proposed Ordinance” that is on your agenda for today’s city council meeting.**

We often look to our state and federal governments to enact Pro-Life policies, but local governments can do much more to protect preborn children. Dozens of Texas cities have enacted Pro-Life ordinances with additional tools and protections not found in Texas’ state law, thus making their cities safe havens for mothers and their preborn children. We urge you to pass the ordinance language supported by over 10,000 citizens of Amarillo that will serve as an effective and enforceable policy to save lives, disrupt illegal activity from pro-abortion organizations, and stand strong for all innocent human Life. As proven in other cities, the recommended language from the Initiating Committee is legally prudent and enforceable.

Unfortunately, the “Alternative Proposed Ordinance” is completely meaningless and will do absolutely nothing to protect Life or stop the new deadly tactics being used by abortion businesses and organizations in Texas and New Mexico. The “Alternative Proposed Ordinance” is merely a reiteration of current state Pro-Life laws, which could be achieved by a non-binding ceremonial resolution or a press conference. The “Alternative Proposed Ordinance” does not contain a single Pro-Life policy nor does it honor the thousands of Amarillo citizens who worked diligently to bring this issue to the attention of the Mayor and City Council. The adoption of the alternative ordinance will set a negative precedent for other Texas cities.

Please oppose the “Alternative Proposed Ordinance” and pass the ordinance language presented by the Initiating Committee for the Amarillo Sanctuary City for the Unborn petition. The Initiating Committee’s language contains effective policies and enforcement tools to fill in the gaps left from Texas’ state Pro-Life laws.

Thank you,

Dr. John Seago
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