



# **The City of Nederland, Texas**

## **Anti-NIMBYism Action Plan**

It is the policy of the City of Nederland to combat “NIMBYism” within our community. NIMBYism is an acronym for “Not In My Backyard”. The City of Nederland understands the importance of informed residents, the importance of fair housing, and a diversified tax base that does not rely solely on one type of use within the community. Our City’s Code of Ordinances require certain buffering requirements between different uses and zoning categories, and the City is dedicated to ensuring that new development and fair housing opportunities in Nederland are met with cooperation and understanding rather than opposition and misinformation.

To combat NIMBYism, Nederland will take the following steps:

1. The City of Nederland will strive, when appropriate, to host public hearings and town hall-type meetings on any proposed developments that the City of Nederland feels will harbor any NIMBY-type sentiments. This has been the practice in the past, and the City of Nederland will continue to work toward spreading factual information using all available technology and resources. This is especially important when new commercial or residential development is proposed at a location that is adjacent to an existing development.
2. The City of Nederland will begin holding Development Review Committee meetings with potential developers in the community. At these meetings, the City of Nederland staff will make an effort to speak with potential developers about potential NIMBY pitfalls within the City of Nederland. Staff will share institutional knowledge about past NIMBY issues and encourage the developers to work with the City of Nederland to ensure a quality development. Staff involved with the meetings will also participate in training and education programs concerning fair housing as available during various times of the year.

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