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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **TEMPLE TERRACE WILL ENFORCE CHILD SAFETY ZONES**

**(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 3/30/07) – Temple Terrace will join Hillsborough County in enforcing the county’s new Child Safety Zone ordinance, City officials say.**

**On March 21, the Hillsborough County Commission unanimously passed a new law creating Child Safety Zones, 300-foot buffers around child gathering spots where sexual predators will be prohibited.**

**The county ordinance, which will go into effect in the next few weeks, bars designated sexual predators from loitering near public swimming pools, parks, playgrounds, day care centers, fairs and other places where children congregate.**

**The City of Tampa enacted a similar ordinance on March 22.**

**Temple Terrace will not enact its own ordinance, but rather will enforce the county’s law, said City Manager Kim Leinbach.**

**Violators of the ordinance could face a fine of up to \$500 and up to two months in jail.**

**Temple Terrace Police Chief A.L. “Tony” Velong called the regulation “a good ordinance for protecting our children.”**

**Temple Terrace has no sexual predators living within City limits, Velong said. There are nearly 125 designated sexual predators living in Hillsborough County, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.**

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