

Anti-NIMBYism Action Plan

It is the policy of the County of Sabine to combat 'NIMBYism' within our County. NIMBY is an acronym for "Not In My Backyard". The County of Sabine 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 County. Sabine County is dedicated to ensuring that new developments and fair housing opportunities within the County are met with cooperation and understanding rather than opposition and misinformation.

To combat NIMBYism, Sabine County will take the following steps:

1. The County will strive, when appropriate, to host public hearings and town hall-type meetings on any proposed developments that the County feels will harbor any NIMBY-type sentiments. This has been the County's practice in the past, and the County 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. Sabine County will begin holding Development Review Committee meetings with potential developers in the community. At these "DRC" meetings, County staff will make an effort to speak with these potential developers about potential NIMBY pitfalls within the County. We will share institutional knowledge about past NIMBY issues and encourage the developer to work with the County to ensure a quality development. Staff involved with DRC will also participate in training and education programs concerning fair housing as available during various times of the year.