

## NOTICE

Next Monday, May 17, at 5:00 PM, the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners will consider Application #3239 for Semi-Public Use of a residential lot at 5011 John Anderson Highway to conduct public equine therapy business, Whispering Meadows Ranch, Inc. (WMR, Inc.)

If the Commission approves the application for Semi-Public Business Use of this residential lot, a precedent would be established for other businesses to operate on other properties in your neighborhood, such as:

- Group Homes
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Houses of Worship (Any Religion)
- Religious Sponsored Halfway Houses
- Religious Sponsored Drug/Alcohol Rehab Homes

WMR, Inc. therapy business, operating 7½ to 8 hours a day, for 4 ½ days per week has negatively impacted your neighborhood with a loss of 10-20% in property values.

One couple recently lost a contract for the sale of their property when the purchasers learned that the commercial WMR, Inc. was adjacent to the land.

Your property value is supposed to be protected by the Residential (R-1) County Zoning and by your Recorded Deed Restrictions which state that:

"No Business, commercial or manufacturing enterprise of ANY nature shall be operated on ANY of the lots, nor shall any noxious or offensive activity be carried on upon any of the property, nor shall anything be done which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood." (Book 96, Pg 616, Pub.R)

If the County Commissioners grant this Semi-Public Use designation, that would open your quiet neighborhood to dozens of strangers. What about the next such application for another Semi-Public use business? Security is important to us all.

There are several large rural landowners in this County who will sell or lease suitable pasture acreage to the Whispering Meadows Ranch for their horses and the ever-growing clientele.

Email and call your County Commissioners today. Your voice is very important.

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