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The Calhoun County Commission has adopted a resolution establishing local oversight for halfway houses, sober living facilities, and recovery residences operating within Calhoun County, as authorized by Alabama Act 2025-109.

These facilities play an important role in helping individuals transition from incarceration, treatment, or court-supervised programs back into everyday life. The Commission recognizes that people living in these homes deserve the opportunity to better themselves in safe, supportive, and well-managed environments.

The resolution allows the County to begin developing a structured regulatory and licensing framework that promotes accountability, transparency, and basic standards of operation. The goal is to protect the health and safety of residents living in these facilities, as well as the surrounding community, while supporting recovery and rehabilitation.

Self Registration Requirement: As an initial step, all facilities located within Calhoun County that meet the definition outlined in the resolution are required to self register with the Calhoun County Commission within fourteen (14) days of the resolution's adoption.

Self registration must include the following information for each facility location:

- Facility name and physical address
- A contact email for the primary point of contact
- Ownership and management information, including a summary of the ownership and management structure
- Types of services provided
- Physical and mailing addresses and square footage
- Number of bedrooms and bathrooms
- Maximum resident capacity and the basis for that calculation
- Current resident census
- Emergency contact information

This information must be submitted in letter form to the Calhoun County Attorney's Office, located at 1702 Noble Street, Suite 118, Anniston, Alabama 36201. The purpose of self registration is to allow the County to understand where facilities are operating, how they function, and how many individuals they serve, so that future regulations are informed, fair, and effective.

In accordance with Alabama Act 2025 109, the resolution also prohibits registered sex offenders from residing in any facility that houses residents who are court ordered to live there or who are supervised by the Calhoun County Community Punishment and Corrections Authority.

The Commission will continue the work of its multi jurisdictional working group, which includes county representatives, legal counsel, healthcare and social service professionals, law enforcement, community stakeholders, and subject matter experts. This group will review self registration data, examine best practices, and recommend long term standards for regulation and enforcement.

Speaking on behalf of the entire county commission, Commissioner Terry Howell said, "This resolution is about responsibility and opportunity. We are committed to protecting public safety while also recognizing that people seeking recovery and stability deserve dignity, structure, and the chance to improve their lives."

The resolution became effective immediately upon adoption.

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