Petition to Create a Municipal Ordinance to Protect Children

Petition summary and background	This ordinance establishes civil fines and penalties for "failing to protect" infants and children. The current system provides for criminal charges. Most of the abuse and neglect occurs with children under the age of four years. These children are "silent" victims and witnesses making criminal prosecution difficult to pursue. Civil intervention will allow this issue to be addressed at the local level in an attempt to curtail behavior that may escalate into further injury to an infant or young child.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our civic leaders to act now to pass the "Cinderella Ordinances" to protect children from abuse and neglect.

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