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**From:** Linda Thompson <thompson.bgt67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 26, 2019 12:19 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Fwd: \*AUTO RESPONSE\* RE: Mobile home park zone change

Dear City Recorder:

Please find forwarded below the response to Eunice Kim of the Zoning and Planning Department as a response to the report her department prepared at the request of City Council to look into a zone change to provide protections to the mobile home residents of The City of Salem. There is an inquiry at the bottom of the response that Eunice Kim and her department should address.

This is forwarded to according to the email below from Ms. Carpenter of the City of Salem Mayor and City Council Members office.

Sincerely,

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From: **Tami Carpenter** <[Tcarpenter@cityofsalem.net](mailto:Tcarpenter@cityofsalem.net)>  
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Thank you.

**Tami Carpenter**

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