

**PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ORDINANCE  
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MAIN LIBRARY – 510 N. OREGON**

**Next Meeting:** November 1, 2007  
Main Library  
9:00 a.m.

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**QUESTION:**  
How does this regulate home activities (e.g. Wednesday night Bible Study)?

**KIM:**  
Residential lot coverage approximately 50% impervious

**BUCK:**  
Most churches in El Paso are in neighborhoods??

**BUCK:**  
Forces churches out into industrial parks

**RESIDENTS:**  
A church is not the reason people move to a neighborhood.  
Residential areas need to maintain residential quality.

**QUESTION:**  
Why allow a church on any residential street?  
Can you park in the residential setback?  
Should ordinance address this?

Think (church guy) set-backs for com.facs. are high.

**BUCK:**  
Concern about church owned undeveloped property under new ordinance.  
Churches getting a special exception put churches at mercy of the Council.  
Expanding needs of an institution need to be balanced against buffer for neighborhood.  
What part of new landscape regulations apply to churches in residential zones?  
Want public assembly uses to have landscape standards applied to them.  
“Intrinsic” problematic church guy relates to mission.

- Appears consensus on goal to balance interests of assembly uses and neighborhoods.
- Can traffic be a prominent factor?
- Take public schools out