
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Police

FROM: Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police

MEETING: September 6, 2022

SUBJECT:

Hold a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance establishing curfew hours for minors under Article IV. Chapter 54 "Curfew" (*First Reading*) (*Staff Presenter: Tim Mabry, Criminal Investigations Sergeant*).

SUMMARY:

Under State Statute 370.002, the City is to review the curfew ordinance every three years to discuss the effects on the community. The ordinance passed in April 2001, and was renewed in 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2019.

Curfew hours means:

1. 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday night until 6:00 a.m. on the following day; and,
2. 11:59 p.m. on any Friday or Saturday night until 6:00 a.m. on the following day.

Citations written by year:

2001	24	2007	101	2013	58	2019	40
2002	67	2008	69	2014	55	2020	46
2003	57	2009	105	2015	37	2021	49
2004	41	2010	107	2016	20	2022*	20
2005	95	2011	116	2017	23		
2006	108	2012	75	2018	42		

*Through January 1- July 31, 2022

OPTIONS:

- 1) Adopt the ordinance as written
- 2) Amend the Ordinance
- 3) Reject the Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the department's recommendation to adopt the ordinance as written. Patrol officers find the ordinance to be a valuable tool to engage unsupervised minors after hours. Minor children are susceptible to become targets for offenders or to engage in crimes during late hours when unsupervised.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

The ordinance was presented to the Mayor's Youth Council on August 29, 2022 with a recommendation to renew.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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