

Mayor and Members of the City Council **STAFF REPORT** For the Meeting of November 25, 2024

Title/Subject

Ordinance No. 2368 – Amending Chapter 133 Relating to Curfew

Summary and Background

This ordinance amends Chapter 133 "Curfew" by streamlining current language for the nighttime curfew and adding a new section for a daytime curfew that prohibits school age children from being on any street, highway, park, alley, or other public place during school hours during the school year, with listed exceptions. The amendments also contain provisions regarding violations of the rule and enforcement. Amending this chapter will assist our local police officers as they work with children in our community to reduce truancy.

This ordinance is like ordinances used by the Cities of Pendleton and Boardman. Adopting this ordinance provides an additional path for truancy enforcement in addition to the pathway put together by Umatilla County and the Circuit Court. Discussions related to this type of ordinance were also conducted with the Hermiston School District and they were supportive of using all available tools to encourage school attendance.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Fiscal Information

N/A

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

- 1. Adopt Ordinance No. 2368
- 2. Amend Ordinance No. 2368
- 3. Reject Ordinance No. 2368

Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2368 as proposed

Submitted By:

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