



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

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Subject

Hold a Public Hearing to discuss the need to continue, abolish or modify the City of Wylie Juvenile Curfew Ordinance No. 2020-22.

Recommendation

Public Hearing only, no action required.

Discussion

Texas Local Government Code 3a70.002 states that before the third anniversary of the date of adoption of a juvenile curfew ordinance by a general-law municipality or a home-rule municipality or an order of a county commissioners court, and every third year thereafter, the governing body of the general-law municipality or home-rule municipality or the commissioners court of the county shall:

1. Review the ordinance or order's effects on the community and on problems the ordinance or order was intended to remedy;
2. Conduct public hearings on the need to continue the ordinance or order; and
3. Abolish, continue, or modify the ordinance or order.

Section 3b7.002 states:

b) Failure to act in accordance with Subsections (a) (1)-(3) shall cause the ordinance or order to expire.

The first of two public hearings to receive input from citizens and staff is scheduled for January 24, 2023. The second public hearing and action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-22 will be held at the February 14, 2023 City Council Meeting.

This Ordinance gives officers a tool to reduce juvenile crime by specifying times and locations where unsupervised juveniles under the age of 17 can be. Statistics have shown that when unsupervised juveniles gather late at night they are at higher risk of becoming a victim of crime or becoming involved in criminal activity.

Since the last ordinance review, Wylie officers have responded to seven calls in regard to curfew violations and issued 16 citations.