

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 11, 2019

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Juvenile Curfew Ordinance**

On Monday, January 14, 2019, you will be briefed on the expiration of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance by the Dallas Police Department. The attached presentation outlines the requirements of the Texas Local Government Code that requires that the City of Dallas to conduct public hearings on the need to continue, abolish, or modify the juvenile curfew ordinance every three years. In order for the ordinance to be reinstated, the City Council must conduct to authorize two (2) public hearings prior to a final vote. If the council elects to vote on reinstating the curfew ordinance, the police department is making a recommendation to decriminalize the penalty. The decriminalization proposal is contained in the briefing.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Fortune".

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January 14, 2019

Reneé Hall, Chief of Police
Dallas Police Department
City of Dallas



Curfew Ordinance Renewal

- *The current ordinance expires on January 18, 2019.*
- If the City Council determines that a need exists to continue the juvenile curfew ordinance public hearings must be held.
- The Texas Local Government Code requires that the City of Dallas conduct two public hearings on the need to continue, abolish, or modify the juvenile curfew ordinance every three years.

Curfew Ordinance

- Upon expiration of the current ordinance, violations of both the daytime and nighttime curfew ordinance can no longer be enforced.
- If the City Council authorizes the public hearings a vote can take place at the conclusion of the second public hearing.



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- If the City Council elects to abolish the curfew ordinance, the police department will engage the community and collaborate with other city departments to create a sustainable plan that creates a continuum of community-based alternatives for juveniles.



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- If the City Council elects to establish a new curfew ordinance the department recommends the new ordinance decriminalize curfew violations.



Proposed Curfew Ordinance

- The department recommends decriminalized penalties if a new ordinance is passed.
 - Warning for first offense
 - Enforcement through V Citations only

Penalties and services assigned through community court

- Community Service (In lieu of fine)

Access to services

- Counseling for Juvenile and Parents
- Referrals for parenting classes
- Mentoring

Proposed Curfew Ordinance

- Community courts will create a special curfew docket with evening hours so parents don't have to take off work
- Juveniles can complete supervised community service on Saturdays



Next Steps

- City Council makes a determination of need to continue with a curfew ordinance.
- If City Council elects to move forward, public hearings will be authorized.
- These hearings can take place in February.
- A council vote can take place at the conclusion of the second public hearing.

Community Engagement

- The police department puts a high priority on the safety and security of juveniles and preventing our youth from entering the juvenile justice system.
- The department will continue to actively engage the community through innovative youth programming and community policing.

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