



STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 2, 2017
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
FROM: Jerris Penrod Mapes, Police Legal Advisor
VIA: Margaret Young, Interim Police Chief
SUBJECT: Re-adoption of Youth Curfew

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Killeen adopted the current version of the youth curfew ordinance in 1996 and readopted in 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014. The Texas Local Government Code requires that the ordinances be reviewed every third year after passage. The governing body is to review the ordinance's effects on the community and problems it was intended to remedy and conduct public hearings on the need to continue the ordinance. The Council then has the option to abolish, continue or modify the ordinance.

The Killeen Police Department has gathered statistics that show while juveniles continue to commit offenses during the curfew hours, the number of juvenile arrests during curfew has remained fairly constant in each of the preceding three years. This indicates that the enforcement of the curfew ordinance has kept juveniles off the streets during the curfew hours, thus making them less able to commit offenses or be victimized during those hours.

In addition, the staff intends to present further testimony in support of continuing the ordinance at the public hearings.

The ordinance, as presented, is the ordinance currently in effect.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Allow the Youth Curfew to expire.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This ordinance conforms to city policy and state law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

No fiscal impact.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

Not applicable.

Is this expenditure budgeted?

Not applicable.

If not, where will the money come from?

Not applicable.

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Police Department recommends council re-adopt the Youth Curfew ordinance.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police Department
Legal

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Local Government Code §370.002
Ordinance