

ORDINANCE

Continuing the curfew ordinance for minors, The Code of Ordinances, City of Corpus Christi, Sections 33-40, 33-41, 33-42 and 33-43

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi has previously adopted ordinances relating to curfews for minors and found at Sections 33-40, 33-41, 33-42 and 33-43 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Corpus Christi; and

WHEREAS, as provided in Section 370.002 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council must review the curfew ordinance every three years to determine whether such ordinance should be abolished, continued or modified; and

WHEREAS Corpus Christi continues to experience juvenile violence, juvenile crime and juvenile gang activity, resulting in juveniles being involved in a range of unacceptable behavior to include vandalism, assaults, public consumption of alcoholic beverages, littering, illegal drug use and burglaries; and

WHEREAS persons under 17 years of age are particularly susceptible, by their lack of maturity and experience, to participate in unlawful and potentially harmful activities and to become victims of other perpetrators of crime, and Corpus Christi has no more important resource than its young people; and

WHEREAS a lack of parental supervision and guidance contributes to unacceptable levels of juvenile violence, crime and gang activity, and parental responsibility needs to be supported; and

WHEREAS attendance at school by minors is vital to the community because it helps prepare children to be responsible citizens, and a curfew during school hours reduces distractions and alternatives which induce non-attendance and activities detrimental to minors and to the community, and compliments laws compelling school attendance and discourages violations of those laws; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the City of Corpus Christi to exercise its authority to protect minors from each other and from other persons, to promote parental control and responsibility for children, to supplement state truancy laws, to protect the general public, and to reduce juvenile criminal and delinquent activities; and

WHEREAS the City Council determines, pursuant to the above findings, that the public health and safety demands continuation of the ordinance establishing a curfew for minors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The curfew ordinance found at Sections 33-40, 33-41, 33-42, and 33-43 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Corpus Christi, is hereby continued.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____th day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor