



**Title 10, Chapter 10.20**  
**City Code's Juvenile Curfew Ordinance**

**Goal 2: Set the Standard for A Safe & Secure City**

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# New State Legislation

- H.B. 1819 of the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session prohibits a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an ordinance that imposes a curfew to regulate the movements or actions of persons younger than 18 years of age, except for purposes of emergency management.
  - This bill preempts the City's juvenile curfew ordinance.
  - Not applicable to curfews implemented under Gov't Code Ch. 418, for purposes of emergency management.
  - Effective September 1, 2023.

# Purpose

An ordinance amending Title 10 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare), Chapter 10.20 (Offenses By Or Against Minors) of the El Paso City Code to remove curfew ordinance provisions located in sections 10.20.010 through 10.20.054.



# History

- Juvenile curfew ordinance originally adopted in August 31, 1991 by City Council; presented to City Council every three years for hearing and approval.
- City Code's juvenile curfew ordinance created a criminal offense (class C misdemeanor) for minors and their parents remaining in any public place or on the premises of any establishments within the city limits during the curfew hours of 11 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m. of the following day.
- City Council last updated August 18, 2020; expires August 17, 2023.

# Updates to the Ordinance

- All sections of the juvenile curfew ordinance are being amended to delete and reserve sections for future use.

# Pending Prosecutions

- HB 1819 language: A violation of a juvenile curfew ordinance may not be prosecuted or adjudicated after the effective date of bill.
- Final convictions/adjudications are unaffected.
- Violations are to be dismissed.
- City Attorneys Office working with Municipal Court to have all pending juvenile curfew ordinance cases dismissed.
- Current Year to Date Pending Cases: 43 Cases (1-Curfew Parent and 42 Curfew Juvenile)



Questions?



## Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



## Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



## Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People