



San Antonio Police Department

Youth Curfew Ordinance

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Background



- **Section 370.002 of the Texas Local Government Code requires re-adoption of youth curfew ordinance on every third anniversary of adoption**
 - Review Effectiveness
 - Solicit Community Feedback
- **On June 4, 2015 the re-adoption of the youth curfew became effective**

Community Feedback



- **San Antonio Youth Commission**
 - Support decriminalization of youth and penalties for parents
 - Support re-engagement initiative and related services/resources
- **San Antonio Area School Districts**
 - Support re-adoption of curfew to minimize and address truancy
 - Support re-engagement initiative to enhance existing district efforts

Public Safety Committee



- **Proposed curfew re-adoption presented to Public Safety Committee on February 27 and April 24**
 - Focus on decriminalization of youth
 - Additional support services for youth and parents
 - Greater coordination with school districts and advocacy agencies

Proposed Revisions



- **Re-adopt curfew for youth 10-17 years old**
 - 11:00pm – 6:00am
 - 9:00am – 2:30pm (when school in session)
- **Decriminalization of youth**
 - Creation of asset-based option for youth violators
 - Referral to the City's Juvenile Case Management Program

Re-engagement Initiative

Juvenile Case Management Program

- **SAPD will be able to utilize the Juvenile Case Management Program for curfew violations, which is a component of a new youth re-engagement initiative developed by seven COSA departments.**
- **Initiative will provide resources to address the issues that cause youth to engage in inappropriate, harmful behavior.**
- **The initiative is part of DHS' Consolidated Funding Process for FY19.**

Two Phase Implementation Plan

July

2018

Open “after-hours center” at the Municipal Courts, only accessible to SAPD

SAPD develop policy and training guide

October

2018

Activate a non-profit collaborative to work with opportunity youth using a trauma-informed approach

Pilot funded through DHS Consolidated Funding Process

Recommendation



- SAPD recommends City Council authorize the re-adoption of the youth curfew ordinance that decriminalizes penalties to youth and refers children in violation of the curfew ordinance to the Juvenile Case Management Division of the San Antonio Municipal Court/Truancy Court.



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