



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Danny Barton, Chief of Police

**Date:** August 12, 2025

**Reference:** Consider approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 9, General Regulations, Article 9-17, Curfew Hours for Minors, by repealing in its entirety and reserving for future use; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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### Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve an ordinance that will repeal City Ordinance Article 9-17, Curfew Hours for Minors. In 2023, the Texas Legislature and the Governor of Texas passed House Bill 1819 which banned local governments from enforcing curfew ordinances related to minors. The Coppell Police Department stopped enforcing the City ordinance when HB 1819 was signed into law in 2023.

### Background:

The City of Coppell adopted City Ordinance article 9-17 in March of 2000. The ordinance made it a class C misdemeanor for minors aged 10 to 16 year of age to be in a public place without a guardian or parent during specific hours. Minors were prohibited from being in public unaccompanied by a parent or guardian between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am Monday through Thursday and 12:01 am and 6:00 am Saturday and Sunday.

The City of Coppell adopted its ordinance in 2000 and re-adopted the ordinance with Council approval every three years. The City Council last approved an extension of the ordinance in February of 2022. However, Texas House Bill 1819 removed local authority from enforcing curfew ordinances.

### Benefit to the Community:

The City's curfew ordinance was very effective in ensuring minors aged 16 or younger were not out in public unaccompanied by a guardian or parent during the curfew hours.

### Legal Review:

The repeal was reviewed by Bob Hager

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact

**Recommendation:** The Coppel Police Department would have never recommended the repeal of the Curfew Ordinance because of its benefit to the community and the minors themselves. This repeal is purely the result of a State Law that removed local control on any curfews related to minors. As such, the Police Department does recommend approval of the ordinance repealing the City's curfew ordinance to be in compliance with State law.