



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: February 5, 2019

Reference: Consider approval of an Ordinance of the City of Coppel, Texas, readopting, ratifying, republishing and extending the Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances, Article 9-17, "Curfew Hours for Minors," for a period of three (3) years; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

2030: Healthy Neighborhoods

Introduction:

In March of 2000, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2000-906, Curfew Hours for Minors. The ordinance established specific hours and penalties for violations thereof. Chapter 370.002 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that the City Council review the Article and conditions the ordinance was intended to remedy, conduct public hearings on the need to continue the ordinance, and determine whether to abolish, continue, or modify the ordinance. This is to occur three (3) years from its date of passage and every third year thereafter. In March 2003, February 2007, January 2010, February 2013, and February 2016 the City Council readopted the extended ordinance.

Analysis:

The Coppel Police Department issued 11 citations for curfew violations over the past three years. No citations were issued in 2016, 7 citations were issued in 2017, and 4 citations were issued in 2018. Surrounding cities, with the exception of Grapevine, all have current curfew ordinances.

Legal Review:

Agenda Item was reviewed by Robert Hager on January 29, 2019.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact attached to this agenda item.

Recommendation:

The Police Department feels this ordinance supports Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods. The ordinance supports businesses and parents in controlling hours kept by minors under the age of 17. The Police Department recommends this ordinance be renewed without modifications for the next three years.