Late Backup #90

City of Austin Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Austin Police Department

June 18, 2008

Juvenile Curfew History

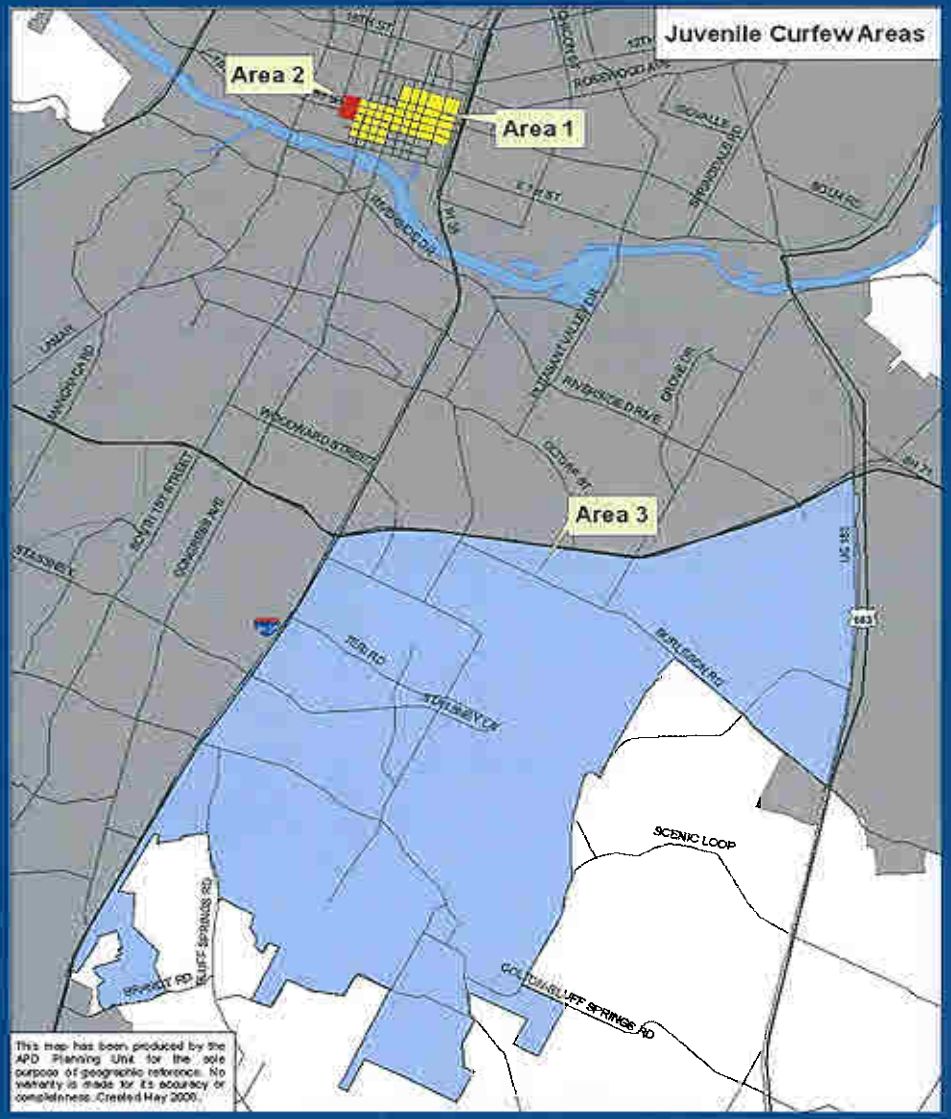
- In May 1990, the City of Austin instituted a Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in an attempt to address a rising juvenile crime rate.
- According to state law, the ordinance will expire unless it is reviewed and readopted every three years.
- The ordinance was last reviewed and renewed on August 4, 2005.

Sets Curfew Hours

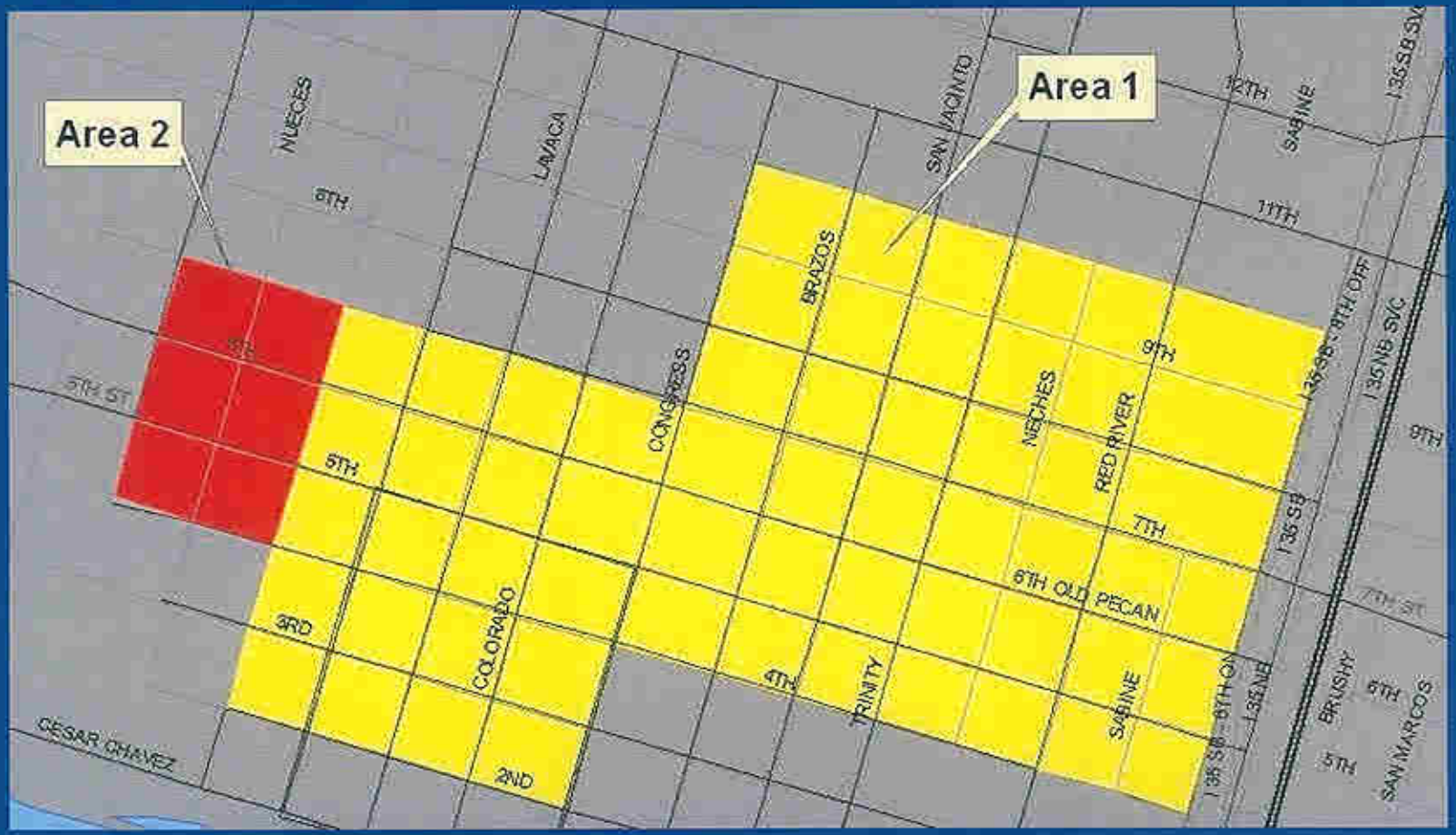
The juvenile curfew ordinance currently resides in the Austin City Code, Title 9, Prohibited Activities, Chapter 9-3, Non-Emergency Curfews.

- The ordinance sets curfew hours for juveniles (under 17 years) in three geographic areas:
- Citywide
- Areas 1 and 2 (downtown entertainment district)
- Area 3 (southeast part of Austin)

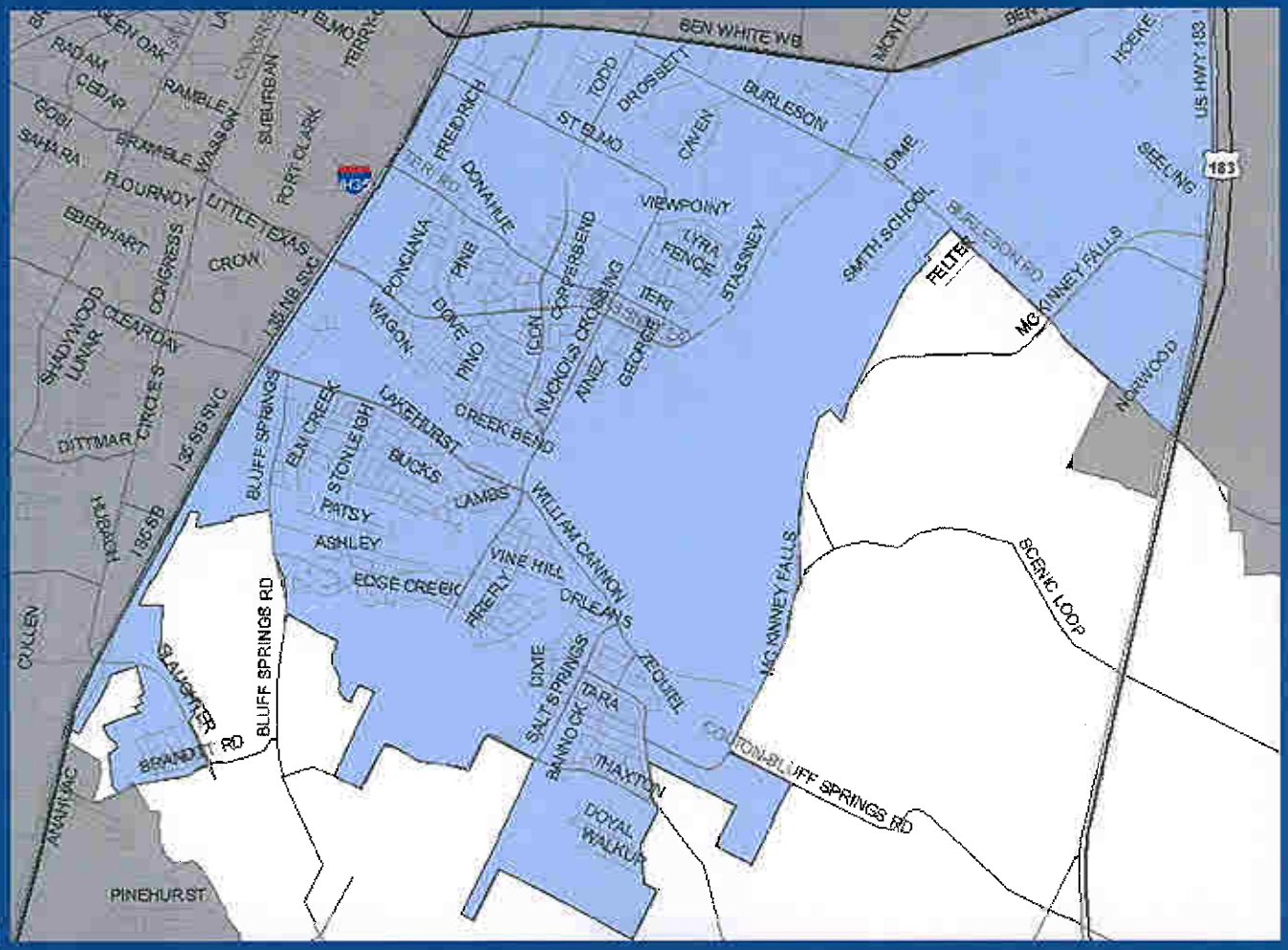
Juvenile Curfew Enforcement Areas



Curfew Areas 1 & 2



Curfew Area 3, Southeast



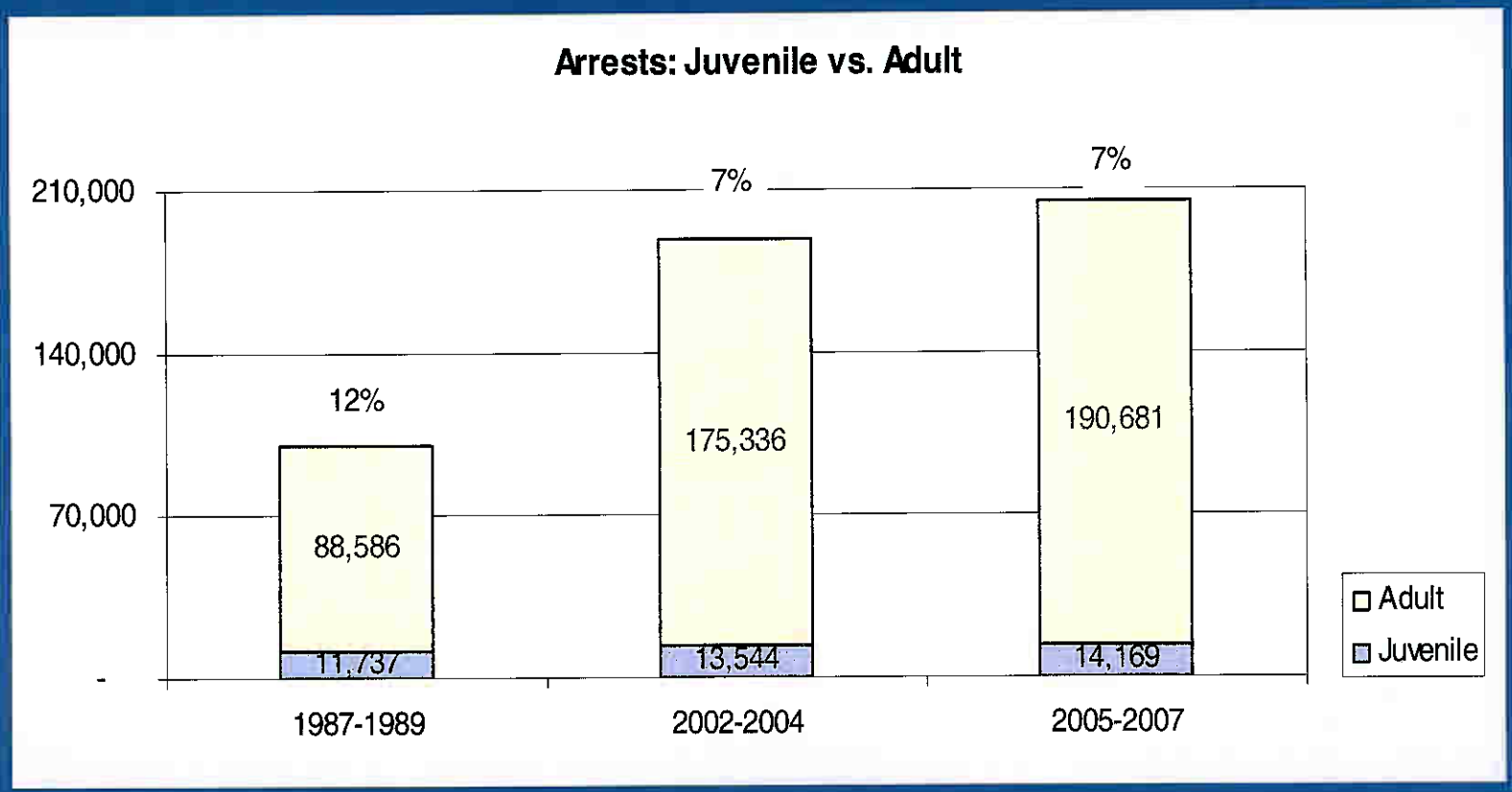
APD Recommendations

APD recommends continuing this ordinance as it enhances our commitment to the Austin community in achieving our mission —

Keeping you, your family and our community safe

APD proposes to modify the ordinance to provide consistent enforcement times

Juvenile Crime



Current Curfew Hours

AREA	NIGHT CURFEW	DAY CURFEW
Citywide	11:30 pm – 6:00 am (Sun – Thurs)	**9:00 am – 2:30 pm (Mon – Fri, when school is in session)**
	12:30 am – 6:00 am (Fri – Sat)	
Areas 1 and 2	10:00 pm – 6:00 am (any day)	
Area 3	11:00 pm – 6:00 am (Sun – Thurs)	
	Midnight – 6:00 am (Fri – Sat)	

Proposed Modifications

Citywide nighttime curfew between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and between midnight and 6:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Amendment eliminates Curfew Area No. 3, in southeast Austin. That area would be covered by the general city-wide curfew provisions.

Proposed Modifications

- Areas 1 and 2 share a common boundary with curfew hours from 10 pm – 6 am any day of the week.
- APD recommends combining Curfew Area No. 1 and No. 2, and change the name of that area to the "Downtown Entertainment District Curfew Area"
- Set the curfew time for that area to apply between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day.