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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	32640	Agenda Number	62.
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Meeting Date:	5/15/2014	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance that continues and readopts City Code Chapter 9-3, relating to juvenile day and night time curfews.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	May 26, 2011 - City Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance that continued City Code Chapter 9-3, relating to juvenile day and night time curfews.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Every three years, the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance is required to be renewed or it automatically expires. The Austin Police Department (APD) has prepared a report regarding juvenile crime and victimization for 2011-2013 as compared to previous years. APD, Municipal Court, AISD and other partners support the continuation of the ordinance as an effective enforcement tool.

The 2011-2013 report includes the following noteworthy findings:

- Juvenile arrests as a proportion of juvenile population dropped from 11% before the ordinance was passed (1987-89) to 4% most recently (2011-2013)
- Juveniles represented 5.4% of all crime victims during 2011-2013, down slightly from 5.7% during 2008-10. Juveniles are most likely to be victims of simple assault.
- During 2011-13, 86% of juvenile curfew violators were one-time offenders, 10% (136 juveniles) were two-time offenders, and 4% (49 juveniles) violated the curfew three or more times.
The number of juvenile curfew citations issued by both APD and AISD dropped from 2008-2010 to 2011-2013; APD's citations fell 58% and AISD's citations fell 50%. This continues the downward trend with both agencies from 2005 through the present.