

# Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

# Memorandum



DATE: February 10, 2012

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Renewal of Dallas City Code Section 31-33 Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

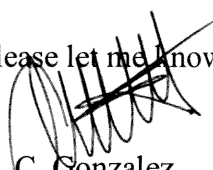
The Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, Dallas City Code Section 31-33, is due for renewal by May 1, 2012. The original curfew ordinance was adopted on June 12, 1991 by the Dallas City Council. The Texas Local Government Code requires that before the third anniversary of the adoption of a juvenile curfew ordinance and every third year thereafter, the City of Dallas must review the ordinance's effects on the community and on the problems the ordinance was intended to remedy, conduct public hearings on the need to continue the ordinance, and abolish, continue or modify the ordinance, or else the ordinance will automatically expire.

In order for the ordinance to be renewed, there must be two public hearings prior to a final vote by the City Council. The request for the two public hearings is scheduled to be a Council Agenda Item on February 22, 2012. The hearings would then be scheduled for March 28, 2012 and April 25, 2012 before the City Council with the final vote occurring on April 25, 2012.

This is the first renewal of the ordinance since adding in daytime curfew hours in 2009. In the first year of the amended ordinance arrests of juveniles for property crimes dropped 18%. In the three years that the ordinance has been in effect with the new hours there has been a drop of 15% in juvenile arrests for violent crime. At the same time the number of truants picked up by patrol officers on the beat have gone down at least 20% in each of the last two years. This appears to show that the ordinance has been successful at its goal of changing juvenile behavior.

Seeking favorable recommendation, this renewal of Dallas City Code Section 31-33 Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, will be placed on the City Council Agenda for February 22, 2012.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

  
A. C. Gonzalez  
First Assistant City Manager

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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding – North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team

The Police Department seeks authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a sub recipient awarded up to \$150,000 for overtime reimbursements, with an In-Kind Match up to \$166,886 is already included in the current budget. The two year agreement between the City of Dallas and the North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team members; Arlington Police Department (Primary Grantee), Fort Worth Police Department, and Mosaic Family Services will be from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2013.

The North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team was established in 2005 under the guidance of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas. All members have agreed to combine investigative efforts with the North Texas Trafficking Task Force under the supervision and direction of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations. The mission of the North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team is to rescue trafficking victims and to ensure their safety and health through the proactive enforcement of laws and the delivery of social services using a victim-centered approach. The emphasis of the task force is to pursue investigations on individuals and organizations that will result in criminal prosecutions and large asset forfeitures.

Seeking favorable recommendation, this North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team Memorandum of Understanding, will be placed on the City Council Agenda for February 22, 2012.



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