

STATE OF TEXAS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS, RENEWING CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE II OF THE SEGUIN CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE CURFEW FOR MINORS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT THIS ORDINANCE AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEGUIN CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Article II of Chapter 70 of the Seguin Code of Ordinances providing for a curfew for minors age 17 and younger was originally enacted in 1992 and was revised in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 370.002 requires a municipally-enacted curfew ordinance to be reviewed and renewed every three years or else the ordinance will expire according to the terms of said section; and

WHEREAS, Seguin's curfew ordinance was most recently renewed August 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the need for the renewal of the juvenile curfew was conducted July 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Seguin Police Department has found the curfew ordinance to be an effective tool in reducing juvenile crime and wishes the ordinance to be renewed and reinstituted in its entirety;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby ORDAINED as follows:

Part 1. That Article II of Chapter 70 of the Seguin Code of Ordinances entitled "Curfew for Minors" is hereby renewed and reinstated in its entirety.

Part 2. In accordance with Section 3.10 of the Seguin City Charter, this Ordinance shall: a) become effective ten (10) days following passage on second reading; and b) also be posted on the City's website.

Part 3. If any clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceable clause or provision shall be severed from the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall continue to have full force and effect.

Part 4. City Staff is hereby authorized to submit this Ordinance as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances.

PASSED UPON FIRST READING on May 2, 2023.

PASSED UPON SECOND READING on May 16, 2023.

Donna Dodgen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Naomi Manski, City Secretary