



# Seguin Police Department



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## MEMORANDUM 20-45

**TO:** Seguin City Council  
Steve Parker, City Manager

**FROM:** Terry Nichols, Chief of Police

**REF:** Renewal of Curfew for Minors

**DATE:** May 19, 2020

Texas Local Government Code Section 370.002 states our curfew ordinance is required to be reviewed and renewed every three years. The last renewal was adopted by the Seguin City Council in July 2017. The Seguin Police Department has found the curfew ordinance to be an effective tool in reducing juvenile crime and asks the ordinance to be reinstated in its entirety.

The ordinance establishes a curfew for minors 16 years of age or less between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am Sunday – Thursday nights and 12:00am and 6:00am on Fridays, Saturdays, nights preceding a school holiday, and summer vacation. It is also unlawful for minors under the age of 17 to be in a public place between the hours of 9:00am and 2:30pm Monday – Friday during school days.

Over the past three years ending May 14, 2020, the Seguin Police Department has issued 114 curfew citations and effected the arrest of 278 juveniles for various offenses. The ordinance provides Officers with probable cause to stop and visit with juveniles during prohibited hours. Many times these juveniles are transported home and released to parents or guardians with no citation issued. Unfortunately we do not have statistics on the frequency of warnings issued at this time. We have changed our documentation process for these types of incidents to allow for better tracking in the future.

Violation of curfew ordinance citations break down as follows:

Curfew Violation – Daytime:	62
Curfew Violation – Nighttime:	48
Curfew Violation – Non-School Night:	4

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