



OWOSSO PUBLIC SAFETY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 2022
TO: Owosso City Council
FROM: Kevin Lenkart
Public Safety Chief
RE: Amend Curfew Ordinance Sec 19-89(b)

Recommendation:

Recommend Owosso City Council approve the attached resolution setting a public hearing for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the changes to City Ordinance 19-89 (b).

Background:

Currently the City of Owosso Code of Ordinances Chapter 19, Offenses, Article V, *Offenses Against Public Peace*, Section 19-89 (b) Curfews for Minors lists the age of minors to be sixteen (16) years or under. Michigan law has changed and juveniles are now under the age of eighteen (18). The adoption of this revised ordinance will bring the ordinance into compliance with state law and allow Owosso Public Safety staff to enforce the ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING FIRST READING & SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 19, OFFENSES, ARTICLE V, *OFFENSES
AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE*, SEC. 19-89(b) CURFEWS FOR MINORS,
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE AGE OF MINORS SUBJECT TO CURFEW**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a curfew ordinance that no longer complies with state statute; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the ordinance to change the age of minors subject to curfew; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing practice of the City Council to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Chapter 19, Offenses, Article V, *Offenses Against Public Peace*, Section 19-89 (b), Curfews for Minors, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso be amended as follows:

~~No minor, sixteen (16) year of age or under,~~ **No person under the age of eighteen (18)** shall loiter, idle or congregate on any public area, street, highway, alley or park between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. immediately following, except where the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian, or an adult delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the minor, or where the minor is upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by his parent or guardian.

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed revision to the Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be viewed on the City's website www.ci.owosso.mi.us or purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment shall become effective twenty days after passage.