Memorandum

CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 9, 2024

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Repeal SEC. 31-33 Curfew hours for Minors Per State Law**

An ordinance amending Chapter 31, "Offenses-Miscellaneous," of the Dallas City Code by amending Section 31-33; repealing the city's juvenile curfew; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

House Bill 1819 adopted by the 88th Texas Legislature prohibits municipalities from adopting or enforcing juvenile curfews. To comply with state law, staff recommends the City Council repeal the city's juvenile curfew by amending Chapter 31, "Offenses-Miscellaneous," of the Dallas City Code.

Unless modified, terminated, or extended by city council ordinance, the city's existing juvenile curfew will remain in effect through March 2025, given a previously adopted ordinance, Ordinance 32154, that provides for the continuation of the city's juvenile curfew ordinance through March 4, 2025.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs received a briefing regarding this matter on December 11, 2023 ("Update on status of code amendments based on the 88th Legislature and code sections suggested for revision or repeal").

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (214) 670-5299.

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