



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 11, 2023
SUBJECT: Approve Ordinance No. 3834, repealing Chapter 50, Article II, Curfew for Minors, of the North Richland Hills, Texas Code of Ordinances as adopted by Ordinance No. 3726.
PRESENTER: Mike Young, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

This item is requesting the repeal of Chapter 50, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, as authorized by Ordinance No. 3726, commonly referred to as the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, in order to remove any conflict between state law and the North Richland Hills, Texas Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

On January 24, 2022, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 3726 and adopted Article II of Chapter 50 of the North Richland Hills, Texas Code of Ordinance. This action was taken in compliance with Section 370.002 of the Texas Local Government Code which previously required that before the third anniversary of the date of adoption of a juvenile curfew ordinance and every third year thereafter, the governing body of the City shall (1) review the ordinance or order's effects on the community and on problems the ordinance or order was intended to remedy; (2) conduct public hearings on the need to continue the ordinance or order; and (3) abolish, continue, or modify the ordinance or order.

On June 9, 2023, the Texas Governor signed House Bill 1819, amending section 370.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, prohibiting a political subdivision in the State of Texas from adopting or enforcing a curfew to regulate the movements or actions of persons younger than 18 years of age. House Bill 1819 became effective on September 1, 2023, and Police Department personnel stopped enforcing the juvenile curfew ordinance at that time.

The juvenile curfew ordinance is currently codified in Chapter 50, Article II of the North Richland Hills, Texas Code of Ordinances, and repealing this article will remove any conflict between state law and the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3834, repealing Chapter 50, Article II of the North Richland Hills, Texas Code of Ordinances, Curfew for Minors, and update the published Code of Ordinances.