

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS, CONTINUING THE CITY'S JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE; AND MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

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WHEREAS, the City of Tomball adopted a curfew ordinance that is codified as Article II of Chapter 30 of the Tomball Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed and continued the juvenile curfew ordinance by adopting a new ordinance every three years; and

WHEREAS, Section 370.002 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that the City Council of a city that adopts a juvenile curfew ordinance at least every three years review the ordinance's effects on the community and on problems the ordinance was intended to remedy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted public hearings on March 7, 2016 and March 21, 2016 on the ordinance's effects on the community and on the problems the ordinance was intended to remedy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that as a direct result of implementing a juvenile curfew the incidents of juvenile crime and victimization has been reduced; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the continuance of the juvenile curfew ordinance is necessary to provide for the protection of minors from each other and from other persons, for the enforcement of parental control over and responsibility for children, for the protection of the general public, and for the reduction of the incidence of juvenile violence and criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, a curfew applicable to persons under the age of 17 years will be in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare, and will diminish the undesirable impact of such conduct on the citizens of the City of Tomball; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL:

Section 1. That in accordance with Section 370.002 of the Texas Local Government Code the City Council has reviewed the City's juvenile curfew ordinance, and its effects on the community

and on the problems the ordinance was intended to remedy, and that the findings in the preamble of this ordinance are adopted and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City’s curfew ordinance, codified as Article II of Chapter 50 of the Tomball Code of Ordinances, is hereby continued and shall continue in full force and effect.

FIRST READING:

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED AS SET OUT BELOW AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2016.

COUNCILMAN HUDGENS	<u>ABSENT</u>
COUNCILMAN STOLL	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN DEGGES	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN QUINN	<u>AYE</u>

SECOND READING:

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED AS SET OUT BELOW AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF APRIL 2016.

COUNCILMAN HUDGENS	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN STOLL	<u>ABSENT</u>
COUNCILMAN DEGGES	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN KLEIN QUINN	<u>AYE</u>

Gretchen Fagan
GRETCHEN FAGAN, Mayor
City of Tomball

ATTEST:

Doris Speer
DORIS SPEER, City Secretary
City of Tomball