

**ORDINANCE 354**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEVEN POINTS, TEXAS, RE-AFFIRMING ORDINANCE 330-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS; CREATING OFFENSES FOR MINORS AND PARENTS OF MINORS; PROVIDING AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY AND PROVIDING FOR A CONTINUING EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to protect juveniles in particular; and

**WHEREAS**, a limited curfew for minors can help to reduce the number of gang-related and juvenile crimes within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this ordinance is to remove minors from the city streets between the hours when many crimes occur; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to protect the rights of minors who, for legitimate reasons, are out during specified curfew hours and to use the least restrictive means to implement a curfew for minors; and

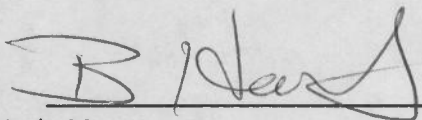
**WHEREAS**, it is important that parents act responsibly with regard to their minor children; and

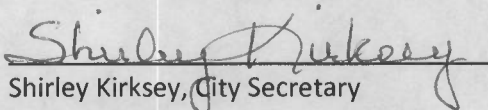
**WHEREAS**, the parent shall retain the right to make decisions regarding his/her child in all other areas;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEVEN POINTS, TEXAS:**

**That Ordinance 330-1; Curfew for Minors, is hereby re-affirmed and in full force and effect this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.**

ATTEST:

  
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Bill Hash, Mayor

  
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Shirley Kirksey, City Secretary

