

September 20, 1993

Jonesboro City Council
P. O. Box 1845
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Re: City Ordinance proposing curfew

Dear Sirs:

I feel the proposal for a curfew for juveniles in Jonesboro is basically a good idea. However, I cannot agree with the ordinance as proposed.

I am a 21 year-old college student majoring in criminology. I am currently enrolled in class studies of social problems and juvenile delinquency. I am also very aware that juvenile problems and crimes occur primarily after 11 p.m.

Although I am in favor of the curfew for juveniles, I oppose the proposed ordinance. I do not feel the City of Jonesboro has the manpower nor funds to enforce such a proposal. It makes sense to me that if we utilize our current manpower to enforce this new law, other areas of law enforcement would suffer and major crimes would increase in the city.

With juvenile delinquency on the rise in Jonesboro, I agree with the idea of a curfew. However, I feel the council should make sure that the manpower to enforce this new law would be available both in the police force and the judicial system.

Also, I would like to say I appreciate the good job the council is doing for Jonesboro and thank you for your efforts and your time.

Sincerely,

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