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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NEW CURFEW FOR CHICAGO UNDERAGE RESIDENTS**

*Amended ordinance institutes a 10:00PM curfew for teens 17 and under.*

**CHICAGO** — Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot today announced City Council approval of an amended curfew for underage residents in Chicago effective immediately. The amended curfew will require teens 17 and under to be escorted by an adult at least 21 years old or be participating or returning home immediately following a ticketed or sponsored event.

“As a city, we must ensure that our young people have safe spaces to congregate and that in those spaces they are peaceful and actually safe,” said Mayor Lightfoot. “I am calling on all parents, guardians, and caring adults to step up at this moment and do whatever it takes to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again and to encourage appropriate behavior when our young people gather anywhere in this great city of ours. We all must model and enforce the respect and peace we expect from our young people.”

The new curfew does not apply for minors participating in, or returning home immediately after, a ticketed or sponsored event, who have documentary evidence of their attendance at such event, including, but not limited to, a ticket stub or wristband with the event name preprinted on it.

“I am pleased to stand with the Mayor as we take necessary steps to protect our City's youth as we inch toward the summer season and kids are out of school,” said Alderman Chris Taliaferro, 29<sup>th</sup> Ward. “It is essential that we continue to not only provide safe and enriching environments for Chicago's youth to enjoy, but also ensure they are at the right places at the right time which doesn't include being unsupervised late at night.”

The City is working with Chicago Public Schools and our other local school systems to fully explain the new policy to students, as well as to encourage guardians to ensure that their children are conducting themselves appropriately and safely at all times.



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In addition to the new policy, Millennium Park also has a new curfew, effective immediately. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult (21 years and older) after 6PM, Thursday through Sunday and 10PM Monday through Wednesday. The adult must be present for the duration of the visit, have a valid ID, and may escort up to four young people. Guests under the age of 18 who are not escorted by an adult will be asked to leave the Park.

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