

# **DOWNTOWN CURFEW** **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**



## **What Is the Downtown Curfew Rule?**

A new curfew is now in place from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. for Downtown Tulsa (defined by the area contained within the Inner Dispersal Loop) (IDL) for people younger than 18 who are unaccompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult. The curfew is in effect Fridays and Saturdays.

## **When Will the Downtown Curfew Take Effect?**

The Downtown Curfew went into effect on Thursday, June 26, 2025, and will be reviewed by the Council in October 2026 on the need to extend it.

## **How Is the Downtown Curfew Different from the Citywide Curfew for People Younger Than 18 in Tulsa?**

The citywide curfew for people younger than 18 is from 11 p.m. - 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday, and 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

## **What Is the Purpose of the Downtown Curfew?**

The purpose of the Downtown Curfew is to increase public safety and confidence in Downtown Tulsa. The curfew is intended to better protect the health, safety and welfare of the tens of thousands of individuals who work, live, and visit Downtown Tulsa every week, including unaccompanied youth.

## **What if My Child Is Attending a Ballgame, Movie, Concert, Recreational Activity, or Spectator Event and It Ends After 9 p.m.?**

These activities are allowed, but unaccompanied minors will need to leave the Downtown Tulsa area, without any return or stop, as soon as the ballgame, movie, concert, recreational event or spectator event ends.

## **What if My Child Is Employed in Downtown Tulsa and Doesn't get off Work Until After 9 p.m.?**

This Downtown Curfew does not affect people under 18 who are at work, or who are going directly to and from work, in Downtown Tulsa.

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## Where Is the Downtown Curfew in Effect?

The Downtown Curfew is in effect for Downtown Tulsa within the Inner Dispersal Loop (IDL), an area bounded by a street network on the east by the east leg of the part of U.S. Highway 75 South/ Interstate Highway 444 (I-44); on the west by U.S. Highway 64 West / Oklahoma State Highway 51 West/ Interstate Highway 244 (I-244); on the north by U.S. Highway 412 East/ I-244; and on the south by the Broken Arrow Expressway, U.S. Highway 64 West/ U.S. Highway 75 South/ Oklahoma State Highway 51 West, part of I-44.

## How Will the Downtown Curfew Be Enforced?

If an officer reasonably believes a person is under 18 and observes that person in Downtown Tulsa after curfew hours, the officer is required to first ask the person their age and reason for being in Downtown Tulsa. If the person is under 18, prior to taking any enforcement action, the officer will otherwise try to determine whether the person:

- **is with a parent or responsible adult;**
- **is working or returning to or from work;**
- **is attending, going to, or returning home from an event such as a ballgame or concert;**
- **is going to or returning home from an official school, religious or recreational activity supervised by adults; or**
- **is involved in an emergency**

If the officer is unable to determine any of the above information and reasonably believes the person is in violation of the curfew ordinance, the officer may take enforcement action. Generally, officers will first ask the person to leave the Downtown Tulsa area prior to taking enforcement action depending on the circumstances.

## Who Is Considered a 'Responsible Adult?'

"Responsible adult" is defined by the ordinance but generally means an individual who is over 18 years old, who has or who has been charged with the permanent and/or temporary care and/or custody of the juvenile.

## What Is the Consequence for Those Who Violate the Downtown Curfew?

Violators are subject to a fine not to exceed \$200, excluding costs fees and assessments. The Court may require community service work prescribed by the Court in lieu of a fine.



To view the existing City ordinance, scan the QR code or visit:

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