

# EXECUTIVE ORDER



Subject
<b>Juvenile Curfew Zones and Extended Juvenile Curfew Hours</b>
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GO-OPS-305.01 (Interacting with Juveniles)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### I. PURPOSE

In accordance with the [Juvenile Curfew Emergency Amendment Act of 2025](#), the mayor has the authority to temporarily extend juvenile curfew hours and the chief of police may designate temporary juvenile curfew zones with extended curfew hours. The purpose of this executive order is to provide Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) members with procedures for enforcing extended curfew hours as well as the designation, public notification, and enforcement of juvenile curfew zones. These procedures apply to declared extended curfew hours and/or juvenile curfew zones during the designated period of time and geographical location. Procedures for enforcing the juvenile curfew outside of these times can be found in [GO-OPS-305.01 \(Interacting with Juveniles\)](#).

### II. PROCEDURES

#### A. General

1. Juvenile curfew hours are:
  - a. During all months except July and August:
    - (1) From 2300 hours on every Sunday through Thursday until 0600 on the following day; and
    - (2) From 0001 hours on every Saturday and Sunday until 0600 on the following day;
  - b. During the months of July and August 2025 from 2300 hours until 0600 hours every day;
  - c. Designated extended curfew hours established on a temporary basis by the mayor; and
  - d. Designated extended curfew hours in juvenile curfew zones (JCZs) on a temporary basis established by the chief of police.
2. Extended curfew hours, whether designated by the mayor and/or in any designated JCZ, shall not:

- a. Begin earlier than 2000 hours nor extend past 0600 hours on the following day;
  - b. Remain in effect for more than four consecutive days (unless extended by a subsequent order); and
  - c. Apply to groups of eight or fewer minors.
3. JCZs are designated areas where the chief of police has determined that temporarily extending juvenile curfew hours in a specific geographical location is appropriate to protect public safety or public or private property. JCZs shall be declared by written order and notification and implemented for no longer than four consecutive days, except when extended by a subsequent order extending the duration of the designation (up to and including 30 consecutive days).
  4. JCZs and extended juvenile curfew hours apply to minors (i.e., persons under the age of 18 years with the exception of judicially emancipated minors and married minors).
  5. The Office of Communications director shall ensure notice of any extended juvenile curfew hours ordered by the mayor and any JCZ designations are announced on the MPD website.

**B. JCZ Designation and Implementation**

1. In determining whether to designate a JCZ, the chief of police shall consider the following:

- a. Within the preceding 30 days, the occurrence of:

<b>JCZ Considerations</b>	
(1)	Juvenile curfew violations in the proposed JCZ;
(2)	Police reports of disturbances of the public peace pursuant to DC Official Code § § <a href="#">22-1301</a> , <a href="#">22-1307</a> , <a href="#">22-1309</a> , <a href="#">22-1312</a> , <a href="#">22-1318</a> , <a href="#">22-1321</a> , or <a href="#">22-1322</a> in the proposed JCZ;
(3)	Police reports of dangerous crimes as defined in DC Official Code § <a href="#">23-1331(3)</a> in the proposed JCZ;
(4)	Police reports of crimes of violence as defined in DC Official Code § <a href="#">23-1331(4)</a> in the proposed JCZ; or
(5)	Police reports of destruction of or damage to public or private property in the proposed JCZ.

- b. Intelligence or verifiable information indicative of an intent of 10 or more minors to gather in the proposed JCZ in such a manner that is likely to result in substantial harm to the public safety, or the safety of those gathering, or substantial damage to public or private property; and
- c. Any other verifiable information from which the chief of police may ascertain that public safety or public or private property in the proposed JCZ is likely to be endangered by the presence of

unaccompanied minors in the JCZ.

2. To request designation of a JCZ, district commanders shall submit a written request to the chief of police through the chain of command. The written request shall include:

JCZ Requests	
a.	Detailed street and aerial maps outlining the boundaries of the proposed JCZ;
b.	Plan specifying resources used to mark the area as a JCZ;
c.	Complete, objective justification for the determination based on the JCZ considerations included in this order.

3. When recommending designated JCZs, district commanders shall ensure that their district has the necessary personnel, material resources, and logistical capabilities to effectively concentrate law enforcement efforts in these areas.
4. An Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), business improvement district, or Main Street organization may petition the chief of police to establish a JCZ, provided that it has been approved by a formal vote of the members of the ANC or board and submitted pursuant to the provision of the law. Consideration of such a petition and the determination of whether to designate the JCZ shall be at the sole discretion of the chief of police.
5. The chief of police, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel (OGC), shall review and approve or disapprove all JCZ designation requests.
  - a. OGC shall ensure that the proposed JCZ meets legal sufficiency with consideration given to the recommendation criteria.
  - b. The chief of police or designee shall ensure that all aspects of the proposed JCZ meet the requirements of this order.
6. To designate the JCZ, the chief of police shall issue an order that includes:

JCZ Recommendation Criteria	
a.	The basis for the designation of the JCZ;
b.	The boundaries of the JCZ; and
c.	The days and hours of the extended juvenile curfew hours in the JCZ.

7. Upon approval, the Executive Office of the Chief of Police (EOCOP) shall forward all designated JCZ orders to the Office of Communications director for public notification and the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) commanding official for notification to affected law enforcement partners. Any disapproved requests shall be returned to the requesting district commander.
8. Upon the designation of a JCZ, the affected district commander shall

ensure signs are posted in the immediate area of the JCZ.

9. District commanders shall ensure that each block within the JCZ is marked by multiple signs secured to available objects (e.g., lamp post) or on wooden stakes around the JCZ borders, as soon as practical and prior to implementation. Each block shall be marked by using the most practical and available resources. Signs shall include:
  - a. A statement that during curfew hours, any person under the age of 18 congregating in a group of nine or more minors in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the perimeter of an extended juvenile curfew zone must leave the area unless engaged in certain exempted activities and that failure to do so may result in arrest;
  - b. The boundaries of the JCZ;
  - c. The extended juvenile curfew times and effective dates; and
  - d. Any other information needed to inform the public.
10. At the beginning of each shift, watch commanders shall ensure that block markings and warning signs are still posted.
11. The chief of police may extend the duration of the JCZ to 30 days by issuing subsequent orders extending the duration of the designation.

C. Enforcement of Extended Juvenile Curfew Hours and JCZs

1. In the event that members discover minors violating extended curfew hours and/or JCZs, an official the rank of sergeant or above shall determine when it is necessary to issue dispersal warnings.
2. Members issuing dispersal warnings shall:
  - a. Provide notice of the violation of curfew according to the warning format in the Juvenile Curfew Dispersal Warning Sheet and identify reasonable steps they can take to leave the area.
    - (1) Where there **is not** an imminent danger of bodily injury or significant damage to property, issue **at least two** clearly audible and understandable notices of violation of curfew; or
    - (2) Where there **is** imminent danger of bodily injury or significant damage to property, issue **at least one** clearly audible and understandable notice of violation of curfew;
  - b. Allow a reasonable and adequate time to disperse;
  - c. Capture each component of all notices of violation of curfew on

body worn camera (BWC); and

- d. Absent exigent circumstances, document all warnings using the Juvenile Curfew Dispersal Warning Sheet which can be found on MPD Online Forms. Completed warning sheets shall be uploaded into the records management system (RMS) report.
3. Any minors who fail to disperse shall be handled in accordance with the curfew violation procedures provided in [GO-OPS-305.01](#).
4. Members shall document any curfew stops according to the requirements set forth in [GO-SPT-304.10 \(Field Contacts, Stops, and Protective Pat Downs\)](#). Members shall select "Curfew" for the reason for the stop only if that was the initial reason. When the curfew violation was not the initial reason for the stop, members shall select the original reason that the stop occurred in the stop section of the report.
5. Members encountering any other violations of law shall take appropriate police action.

#### D. JCZ Documentation

1. Upon expiration of the declared JCZ, district commanders shall ensure that block markings and warning signs are removed and prepare a report to the chief of police through the chain of command within 10 business days of the JCZ expiration. The report shall include:

Post-JCZ After Action Report	
a.	Location including the exact boundaries;
b.	Date and time the location was declared a JCZ;
c.	Allocated personnel and resources;
d.	Dates and approximate times of distribution of notices within the boundaries of the JCZ;
e.	Dates, approximate times, and locations of hanging and removing posters (including approximate number of posters used);
f.	Manner in which each block in the JCZ was marked;
g.	Total number of JCZ violations;
h.	Any significant arrest, events, or unusual incidents which occurred in the JCZ during the declared period of time; and
i.	Evaluation of the JCZ enforcement action.

2. The EOCOP shall establish and maintain a JCZ file to retain records related to JCZ activities.

### III. DEFINITIONS

When used in this directive, the following terms shall have the meanings designated.

	Term	Definition
1.	Notice of violation of curfew	Verbal warning, authorized by an official, that informs a group of juveniles that they are violating the terms of a curfew, that they may be arrested if they continue to violate the curfew, and identifies

		reasonable steps that they can take to leave the area to avoid arrest.
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Pamela A. Smith  
Chief of Police