

Youth Protection Safety Ordinance Implementation Strategy

June 9, 2025



May 5, 2025 – Special Council Meeting; direction issued on youth curfew, clear bag/mask policy, Crime Stoppers reward expansion, and youth programming.

May 12, 2025 – Regular Meeting; Council reviewed the draft Youth Protection Safety Ordinance.

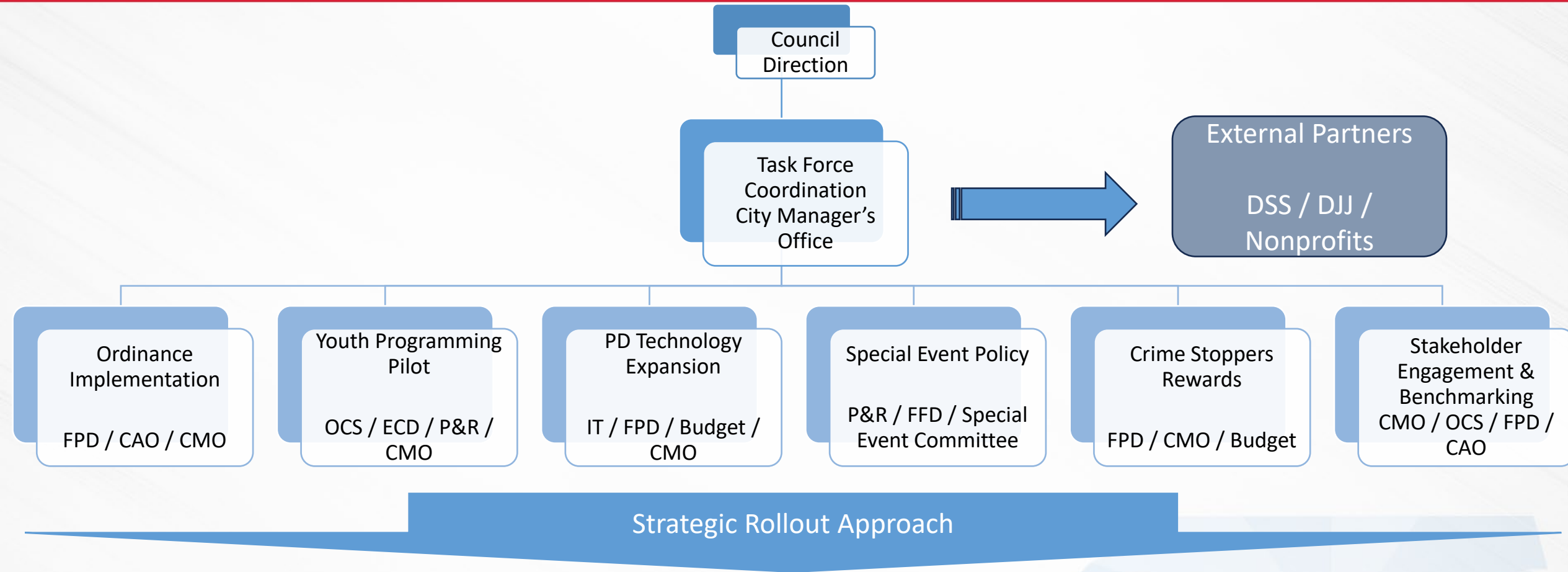
May 27, 2025 – Council adopted Youth Protection Safety Ordinance.

June 9, 2025 – Implementation Strategy Briefing



Implementation Architecture

Structure & Coordination



- Officer Training and Legal alignment underway.
- Resident education campaign and outreach messaging.
- Gradual enforcement starts synced with summer programs and events.

Strategic Rollout Timeline



Crime Stoppers Incentive Increase

- Staff is coordinating with FPD and the nonprofit board to finalize the expanded reward framework.
- A formal update and recommendation will return to the Council in Q1 FY26.

Clear Bag & Mask Event Policy

- Draft policy for special events is under development.
- Staff is assessing implementation options, security, and infrastructure needs.
- Policy options will return to the Council for consideration in Q1 FY26.

Midnight Basketball

- Staff is evaluating potential cost, locations, and sponsor support.
- A recommendation will return to Council in Q1 FY26.

Objective:

To provide safe, engaging late-night activities for youth ages 12–17 through mentorship, recreation, and community partnerships during curfew hours.

Collaborative programming with OCS, ECD, Parks and Rec, FPD

Event dates confirmed for:

- June 28, 2025 – Community Outreach Center
- July 11, 2025 – College Lakes Rec Center
- August 15, 2025 – Cliffdale Rec Center

Events Include

- Nonprofit-led mentoring, late-night hours (7-10 p.m.)
- Coordinated with FPD and P&R programming
- Central calendar for ages 12-17 to be published



- On-site recreation staff and officer presence for supervision.
- Intake and registration protocols are being established for each event.
- Transportation partnerships with City staff and nonprofit providers.
- Incident response coordination in place with PD and event leads.
- Community partners support event success:
 - Nonprofits – mentoring, logistics, and food
 - Faith-based groups – Trust-building and youth outreach
 - Mentoring partners – event promotion, activity support, and engagement support

Objective:

Ensure youth, parents, and community members understand the ordinance, available programs, and enforcement process before July 9, 2025.

Key Channels

City website landing page with ordinance FAQs

Social media posts (June–July–Aug)

Targeted messaging through schools and nonprofits

Informational flyers at rec centers, libraries, and events

City Manager’s newsletter & FayTV

Messaging Focus

What the ordinance is (and isn’t)

How to access youth programs and register

Emphasis on safety, support—not punishment

Supporting Activities

Officer and youth mentor presence at events

Public service announcements (PSAs) in development

Two light-touch media pushes: ordinance launch & first event



Objective:

To ensure a consistent, legally sound, and youth-centered enforcement approach to the Youth Protection Safety Ordinance through officer training, interagency coordination, and public engagement, prioritizing education and discretion during the 30-day grace period.

A 30-day educational period from June 9th to July 9th.

- Citations will not be issued.
- Parents/Guardians will be offered a list of resources compiled by community partners for assistance in preventing additional violations.
- Businesses will be provided with information on ways to prevent future violations.

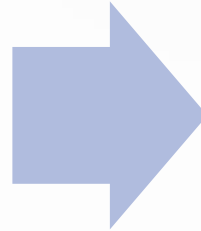
- All sworn personnel will receive targeted roll-call training on the Youth Protection Safety Ordinance beginning June 10. PD attorneys will assist with interpretation and scenario guidance.
- Training components:
 - Overview of Ordinance Requirements.
 - Enforcement Protocols and Officer Judgement.
 - Response Scenarios and Referral Paths.
 - Coordination with DSS, DJJ, and Community Support Resources.

After the educational grace period ends, will officers still issue verbal or written warnings before criminal charges are pursued?



Yes, officers may still issue warnings on a first offense if the curfew violation is the only concern. However, if the juvenile is also engaged in criminal behavior, the officer will follow standard enforcement protocol, which may include filing juvenile petitions or pursuing charges against other involved individuals if probable cause exists.

Under what circumstances will
DSS or DJJ take custody of a
juvenile?



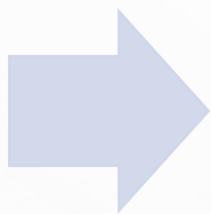
Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

- Takes custody when there are reasonable grounds to believe a juvenile is undisciplined, or
- A secured custody order is obtained from the court.

Department of Social Services (DSS)

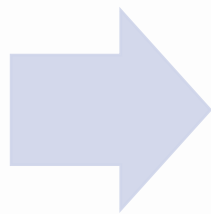
- May take custody following an accepted report of abuse, neglect, or dependency

How long can a juvenile be held while attempting to contact a parent or guardian?



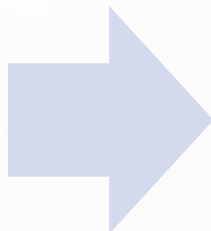
Without a court order, a juvenile may be held for up to 12 hours—or up to 24 hours if any portion of that time falls on a weekend or legal holiday (NCGS § 7B-1901(b)).

Will refreshments be provided if a juvenile is held for an extended period?



If requested, snacks may be provided from supplies at the Administrative Building. Full meals will not be available.

Will sleeping accommodations be provided if a juvenile remains in custody overnight?



The Police Department may require additional resources to provide appropriate overnight accommodations, such as blankets or sleeping bags.

How will officers confirm a juvenile has parental consent to be out past curfew with an adult?



Officers will use standard investigative techniques, as they would in any other suspected violation, to assess the situation and confirm the information provided.

How will officers determine if a juvenile is exercising their First Amendment rights?

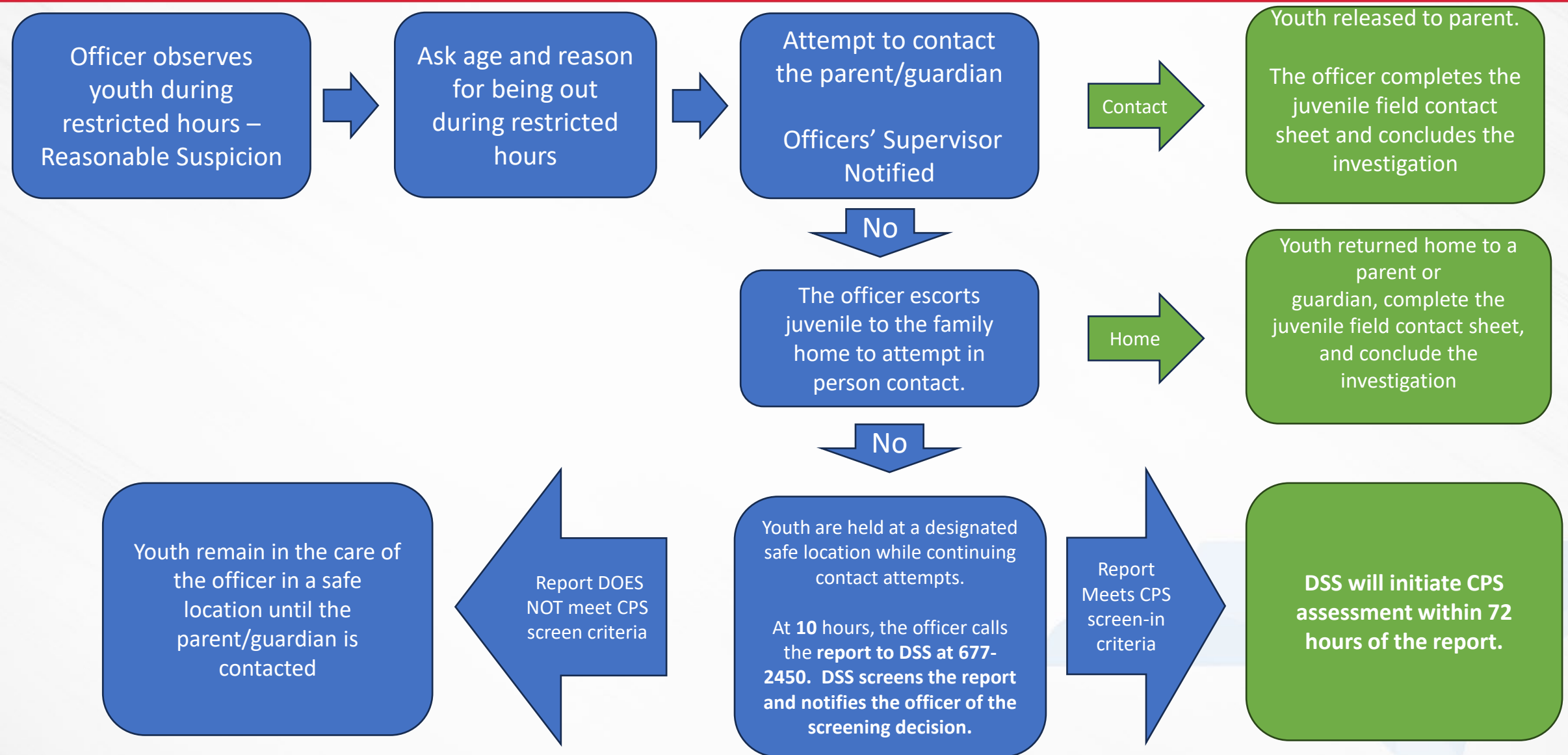


Officers are trained to ask for the juvenile's age and reason for being out. If the youth is participating in a First Amendment-protected activity (e.g., religious service, protest, or free expression), no violation will be cited.



Ordinance Violation Only

Parental Contact Unable to be Established



City staff respectfully requests that City Council:

- Accept the staff report and implementation strategy for the Youth Protection Safety Ordinance as presented.
- Direct staff to return in Q1 FY26 with updates on:
 - Expanded Crime Stoppers incentive framework
 - Special event coordination and mask policies
 - And long-term implementation needs.



Questions



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