



ST. CHARLES
SINCE 1834

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Discussion Regarding Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

Presenter: Fire Chief Patrick Mullen

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Estimated Cost:	N/A	Budgeted:	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

N/A

Executive Summary:

The use of portable outdoor fireplaces is permitted by St. Charles Fire Prevention Code as adopted under Title 15, Chapter 15.28 of the St. Charles Municipal Code. These devices are commercially available to the public as a means to facilitate the safe burning of recreational type fires. The code imposes the following limitations on the use of such devices.

1. Open burning that is offensive or objectionable due to smoke emissions or when environmental conditions make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.
2. Users may only burn clean combustible materials (no trash, construction debris, or yard waste).
3. Users must maintain a minimum clearance of 15 feet from of a structure or combustible material.
4. The size of the burning pile shall not be greater than 3 feet in width by 2 feet in height.
5. Users of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly in attendance until the fire is extinguished and have a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or other approved extinguishing agent/device immediately on hand.

Council members have requested this topic be placed on the agenda for consideration and discussion regarding further limitations on permitted times of use.

Attachments: *(please list)*

None

Recommendation / Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

For discussion only.

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