



ST. CHARLES
SINCE 1834

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Recommendation to amend an Ordinance Amending the St. Charles Municipal Code Title 15 “Buildings and Construction” (for extension of the Residential Sprinkler Moratorium until December 31, 2015)

Presenter: Fire Chief Joseph Schelstreet

Please check appropriate box:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations (11/4/13)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council

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

Executive Summary:

On January 1, 2012, the residential building code requirement for the installation of fire sprinklers in all newly constructed 1 and 2-family residential structures within the City of St. Charles went into effect. This occurred in accordance with the provisions of the 2009 editions of the International Residential Code and the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code as adopted by the City Council on July 19, 2010. At the time of adoption, the City Council implemented a temporary moratorium on the residential fire sprinkler provision in order to provide the local homebuilding industry a period to prepare for the provision due to the economic climate. The Illinois State Fire Marshal has withdrawn his initiative to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) that would require residential sprinklers state wide however, he has indicated that a new initiative is forthcoming. Staff requests that Council extend the current moratorium on the residential sprinkler requirement until December 31, 2015 in order to further evaluate the adoption of residential sprinklers.

Attachments: *(please list)*

Proposed Ordinance

Recommendation / Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Recommendation to amend an Ordinance Amending the St. Charles Municipal Code Title 15 “Buildings and Construction”, Chapter 15.04 “Building Code”, Section 15.04.020 “One Family and Two Family Residences” (for extension of the Residential Sprinkler Moratorium until December 31, 2015).

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City of St. Charles
Ordinance No. _____

**An Ordinance Amending the St. Charles Municipal Code – Title 15,
“Buildings and Construction”, Chapter 15.04 “Building Code”, Section
15.04.020 "One-Family and Two-Family Residences”**

WHEREAS, the City of St. Charles has previously adopted by reference the 2009 International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, by International Code Council, Inc., with certain modifications thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council found it to be in the interest of the City of St. Charles and the local building community to defer implementation of the requirement for residential fire sprinklers until January 1, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Fire Marshal has withdrawn an initiative to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) that would require residential sprinklers state wide; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds it to be in the interest of City of St. Charles to determine what the outcome and impact of implementation of residential sprinklers will be to the City of St. Charles;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, to defer implementation of the requirement for residential fire sprinklers in One and Two-Family Residences as outlined in Section 15.04.020 of the City of St. Charles Municipal Code until December 31, 2015.

That after the adoption and approval hereof the Ordinance shall (A) be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the City Council, or (B) within thirty (30) days after the adoption and approval hereof, be published in a newspaper in and with a general circulation within the City of St. Charles.

Presented to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Passed by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor Raymond P. Rogina

Attest:

City Clerk

Council Vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Approved as to Form

City Attorney

Date: _____