



**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 6.a

Title:

Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Extending the Residential Sprinkler Moratorium until December 31, 2019

Presenter:

Fire Chief Joseph Schelstreet

Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: November 27, 2017

Proposed Cost: \$0

Budgeted Amount: \$0

Not Budgeted:

**Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

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 in to 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 due to the economic climate. Since that time, the City Council has adopted the updated 2015 edition of the International Residential Code.

Additionally, the Fire Department continues to communicate with the Fire Departments in Geneva and Batavia in an attempt to entertain like language on this issue in all three communities. Staff believes that all three communities are adopting a similar approach and will temporarily delay implementation of this requirement until sustained economic conditions are more favorable. Staff requests that Council extend the current moratorium on the residential sprinkler requirement until December 31, 2019 in order to further evaluate opportunities and offer additional information.

**Attachments** *(please list):*

\* Proposed ordinance extending the residential sprinkler moratorium until December 31, 2019

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

Recommendation to approve the ordinance extending the residential sprinkler moratorium until December 31, 2019.

**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 adopted by reference the 2015 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 December 31, 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now finds it to be in the interest of City of St. Charles to further 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, 2019.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

**Passed** by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

**Approved** by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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City Attorney

Council Vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_