

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Agenda Item number: **6a**

Title:

Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Extending the Residential Sprinkler Moratorium until the adoption of the new 2021 codes or December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first.

Presenter:

Fire Chief Scott Swanson

Meeting: Government Operations Committee

Date: December 6, 2021

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 adopts the new codes every six years, with the City Council having adopted the updated 2015 edition of the International Residential Code. This code currently continues the requirement for the installation of fire sprinklers in all newly constructed 1 and 2-family residential structures. The 2015 codes are currently in effect, with a moratorium on the requirement for fire sprinklers in all newly constructed 1 and 2-family residential structures, until December 31, 2019.

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 continue the temporary delay of the implementation of this requirement.

Staff requests that Council extend the current moratorium on the residential sprinkler requirement until the adoption of the new 2021 codes or December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first.

Attachments (*please list*):

* Proposed ordinance extending the residential sprinkler moratorium until the adoption of the new 2021 codes or December 31, 2022 whichever occurs first.

Recommendation/Suggested Action (*briefly explain*):

Recommendation to approve the ordinance extending the residential sprinkler moratorium until the adoption of the new 2021 codes or December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first.

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 the adoption of the new codes, including the 2021 International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, by International Code Council, Inc., or December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first, 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 the adoption of the new codes, including the 2021 International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, by International Code Council, Inc., or December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first.

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 _____ 2021.

Passed by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this ____ day of _____ 2021.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Council Vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Date: _____