

 ST. CHARLES SINCE 1834	AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY						
	Title:	Recommendation to extend the Residential Sprinkler Moratorium until January 1, 2014.					
	Presenter:	Acting Fire Chief Joseph Schelstreet					
<i>Please check appropriate box:</i>							
	Government Operations				Government Services		
X	Planning & Development (12/10/12)				City Council		
Estimated Cost:	N/A			Budgeted:	YES	NO	
If NO, please explain how item will be funded:							
Executive Summary:							
<p>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. At this time, the Illinois State Fire Marshal has presented an initiative to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) that would require residential sprinklers state wide. Staff requests that Council extend the current moratorium on the residential sprinkler requirement until January 1, 2014 in order to determine the outcome, and impact, of the initiative made by the State Fire Marshal.</p>							
Attachments: <i>(please list)</i>							
Proposed ordinance extending the residential sprinkler moratorium until January 1, 2014							
Recommendation / Suggested Action <i>(briefly explain):</i>							
Recommend approval of an Ordinance to extend the residential sprinkler moratorium until January 1, 2014.							
<i>For office use only:</i>	<i>Agenda Item Number: 3a</i>						

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, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Fire Marshal has presented 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 the initiative made by the State Fire Marshal 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 January 1, 2014.

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 _____, 2012.

Passed by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

Council Vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Date: _____