

RESOLUTION 10-25

Fire Prevention Week October 5th – 11th, 2025

WHEREAS, Joe Hammer, City of Columbus Mayor has proclaimed Sunday, October 5th through Saturday, October 11th, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Columbus Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Columbus residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Wisconsin calls upon each resident and visitor of the City of Columbus to make sure their homes are safe from Lithium-Ion Battery fires and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Columbus Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Wisconsin that the week of October 5th through October 11th, 2025, is hereby proclaimed:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, do hereby commend the Columbus Fire Department for its outstanding efforts and service in the protection of the Residents of the City of Columbus and particularly for its efforts during Fire Prevention Week.

Dated this _____ day of October, 2025

Joe Hammer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan L. Caine, Clerk