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MEETING DATE: 08.28.2023

FINAL ACTION: RESO 2023-39

## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

**PROJECT TEAM:** Ashley Driscoll, City Attorney  
Jim Geering, Fire Chief

**MEETING DATE:** August 28, 2023

**SUBJECT TITLE:** Resolution 2023-39 adopting Fire Policy Related to Camping on City Property

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

	Ordinance		Order	X	Resolution		Motion		Informational
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*X all that apply*

### **BACKGROUND:**

On June 26, 2023, City Council adopted ordinance 2023-04 and added Code Chapter 94, Regulation of Camps and Camping on Public Property. The City regulates camping on City property in Chapter 94.06: Regulation of Camps and Camping on Public Property. Section 94.06(c)(8) prohibits the use of portable outdoor fireplaces, recreational fires, open burning and bonfires while camping on City property but does allow the use of some types of cooking stoves and other devices for keeping warm.

The City recognizes the need to promote the health and safety of people without homes who, while camping on City property, require a means to cook and to stay warm. The purpose of this resolution is to establish policy related to allowable uses and types of cooking and warming devices for individuals to use while camping on City property.

The City's Fire Department has produced fire policy pursuant to Section 94.06(c)(8) which makes permissible certain cooking and heating equipment while camping on City property. The proposed policy limits use only to portable propane heaters, barbecue grills, or camping stoves and battery-operated heaters or similar devices. Conformance to uses under the proposed policy will address the cooking and heating needs of campers without compromising existing prohibitions necessary to eliminate fire hazards.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached resolution.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution and Exhibit A: Fire Policy Related to Camping on City Property.