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TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Second Reading: Ordinance No. 2024-259, Prohibiting the Burning of Garbage and Refuse in the Town of Johnstown.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Ordinance No. 2024-259

PRESENTED BY: Jeff Strossner, Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Town Council approved Ordinance No. 2024-259 on First Reading following a public hearing conducted on October 7, 2024.

In Chapter 7 of the Johnstown Municipal Code refuse is defined as, “*Refuse* means any grass clippings, leaves, hay, straw, manure, shavings, paper, ashes, containers, boxes, glass, cans, bottles, garbage, waste and discarded building and construction materials, and all other items of whatever kind or nature whatsoever which are commonly known as rubbish, garbage, trash or waste. For purposes of this definition, *building and construction materials* mean plaster, broken concrete, bricks, cinder blocks, stones, wood, roofing material, wire, metal binding, sacks and all other items which are commonly known as building and construction materials.”

The proposed ordinance prohibits the burning of refuse materials on private property regardless of the burning method (i.e., fire pit, 55-gallon drum, fireplace, bonfire, etc.). This ordinance does not regulate any type of agricultural burning which is managed by each respective counties’ Department of Public Health and Environment.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- Safe & Welcoming community
 - *Provide and maintain public safety services and awareness in our community*
 - *Partner in creating more community based, community service and action opportunities*
 - *Grow an open, inclusive environment where all residents have the opportunity to flourish*

The Community that Cares

- Natural & Built Environment
 - *Invest in, enhance, and conserve our parks, open spaces, agricultural areas and natural environment*

LEGAL ADVICE:

The Town Attorney prepared the ordinance.

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the ordinance as presented on second reading.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager