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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2024

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

ACTION PROPOSED: Consider Ordinance No. 2024-259

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Ordinance No. 2024-259

PRESENTED BY: Jeff Strossner, Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is Ordinance No. 2024-259, which prohibits the burning of garbage and refuse within the Town of Johnstown limits.

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*

The Community that Cares

- *Grow an open, inclusive environment where all residents have the opportunity to flourish*
- 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 Ordinance No. 2024- 259.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval:

I move to approve Ordinance No. 2024-259, an Ordinance Adding Section 7-54 to the Johnstown Municipal Code Prohibiting the Burning of Garbage and Refuse in the Town of Johnstown.

For Denial:

I move to deny Ordinance No. 2024-259.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager