



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

CONTACT: Kirsten Garcia, City Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 26-542 amending Chapter 14, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances regarding outdoor burning.

SUMMARY: The proposed ordinance updates the City's outdoor burning regulations by establishing objective standards for the issuance, denial, suspension, and revocation of burn permits. The ordinance also establishes an administrative appeals process and clarifies the authority of City officials to regulate outdoor burning in accordance with state law.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City's current outdoor burning ordinance provides limited guidance regarding the administration of burn permits. As residential development has increased, the need for consistent and objective standards has become more apparent. The proposed ordinance provides clear criteria for evaluating permit applications, identifies conditions under which permits may be denied or revoked, authorizes reasonable permit conditions to protect public safety, and establishes an administrative appeal process for applicants. The ordinance also preserves the authority of the Fire Marshal, Fire Chief, or designee to suspend or extinguish burns when conditions create an immediate threat to public safety or property.

ISSUE: Council is asked to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 26-542 to modernize the City's outdoor burning regulations, provide greater consistency in the administration of burn permits, and better protect public health, safety, and property while allowing outdoor burning where permitted under Texas law.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this ordinance.

Thank you,

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Kirsten Garcia, MPA, TRMC