



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the city is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Snoqualmie; and

WHEREAS, fire is 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 electronics used in homes - 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, this year's 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Katherine Ross, Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5th – 11th, 2025 as:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

APPROVED

Katherine Ross, Mayor
Proclamation No. 25-20

