

STAFF REPORT

To: Southern Shores Town Council
Date: October 5, 2021
Case: TCA-21-07
Prepared By: Wes Haskett, Deputy Town Manager/Planning Director

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Town of Southern Shores

Requested Action: Amendment of the Town Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance by amending Section 14-68, Combustible Materials.

ANALYSIS

In August, Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department Chief Limbacher contacted Town Staff to see if the Kitty Hawk Elementary School could be allowed to have a bonfire as part of the school's Fall Carnival on November 5, 2021. Town Code Section 14-65 defines a bonfire as an outdoor fire having a total fuel area of more than three feet in diameter and two feet or more in height used for ceremonial purposes. Town Code Section 14-68 (8) states that it shall be unlawful for any person to start or set a bonfire. In an effort to allow the school to have a bonfire at the Fall Carnival, Town Staff is proposing to amend Section 14-68 (8) so that bonfires held by Kitty Hawk Elementary School under the supervision of the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department or other fire protection official(s) are allowed.

RECOMMENDATION

Town Staff recommends approval of the proposed TCA. A Planning Board recommendation is not required.