

# City Council Meeting Agenda Item Data Sheet

Meeting Date: 2/17/2025

**Topic:**

Presentation, discussion to provide staff direction for ordinance changes on open pit burning.

**Background:**

Open burning is prohibited within the city limits of Tomball unless a permit has been issued by the Fire Marshal for ceremonial fires, trench burning operations for major land clearing, and the prevention or disposal of diseased livestock. A permit is not required for barbeque pits and approved outdoor fireplaces, which are used for its actual design and intent. Current Ordinance states that the open pit burning shall be not be less than 300 feet (91,440 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 300 feet (91,440 mm) of any structure.

Staff is seeking direction on amending the distance between residential structures and the open pit utilized for land clearing, ceremonial fires, and the prevention of diseased livestock; or eliminating the process from city ordinance.

**Origination:** Fire Department

**Recommendation:**

n/a

**Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:** Joe Sykora, Fire Chief

**FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)**

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, specify Account Number: # \_\_\_\_\_

If no, funds will be transferred from account # \_\_\_\_\_ To account # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed	<u>Joe Sykora</u>	<u>02/11/2025</u>	Approved by	_____
	Staff Member	Date		City Manager
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