

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: March 20, 2023

Topic:

An Ordinance Amending The Code of Ordinances of The City of Tomball, Texas, By Adding a New Subsection (ff-1) to Section 20-28, Amendments to The 2015 International Fire Code, of Article II, Fire Code, of Chapter 20, Fire Prevention And Protection; Regulating The Installation, Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Retrofitting, Testing, Commissioning And Decommissioning Of Energy Systems Used for Generating or Storing Energy; Providing A Penalty In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,000.00 Per Day for Violation of Any Provision Hereof, With Each Day Constituting a Separate Offense; Providing a Repealer; Providing For Severability, And Making Other Findings Related Thereto.

Background:

Recent additions to the definitions in the CUP process, approved by Council at the February 20, 2023 meeting, added standards pertaining to “Energy Storage Systems” brought forth a review of the current adopted fire code. Presently, the 2015 International Fire Code does not regulate “Energy Storage Systems”; Chapter 12 of the 2021 International Fire Code does however, address and provide design, installation, repair and maintenance regulations to these types of systems.

While adoption of this Fire Code Amendment does not approve any particular land site or project, it does provide staff with a groundwork and means for the regulation of the installation, operation, maintenance, repair, retrofitting, testing, commissioning and decommissioning of these Energy Storage Systems.

Origination: Fire Department

Recommendation:

Approval of the Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-07 on First Reading

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 Joe Sykora 03/14/2023
Staff Member Date

Approved by _____
City Manager Date