

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City; and

WHEREAS, many of the devices in our daily lives-phones, tablets, tools, toys, e-bikes, and scooters, to name a few run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store high amounts of energy in a small space; and

WHEREAS, if batteries are damaged or charged incorrectly, they can overheat, start a fire or even 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, Properly charging devices can significantly reduce the risk of fires and associated hazards. Use the cord and charge that came with your device or ones approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the risk of fire; and

WHEREAS, Charge devices on a table, desk, or other hard, flat surface. Do not charge them on beds, couches, or under pillows. Devices and chargers produce heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause the battery to overheat; and

WHEREAS, Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in too long can increase heat and stress on the battery; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower!" serves to focus on lithium-ion batteries to better educate the public about how to buy, charge, and dispose of them safely.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the week of

October 4, 2026 - October 10, 2026

Fire Prevention Week

and I urge all residents and businesses in the City of Tumwater to heed these messages and to support the efforts of the Tumwater Fire Department and other emergency services to keep us safe from fires and in times of medical emergencies.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 15th day of September in the year, two thousand twenty-six.



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 Mayor