

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ____-25

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2025 AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

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

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the growing presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks to residents and first responders; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily — 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, Colorado Springs first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents are responsive to public education measures and are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Month 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, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. City Council hereby recognizes the month of October 2025 as Fire Prevention Month and urges all the people of Colorado Springs to use these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the “Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach” and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk