

RESOLUTION NO. 125 - 24

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2024 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 is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely, so Colorado Springs residents should have properly working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and know how to respond when they sound; and

WHEREAS, properly working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half and Colorado Springs residents should test their smoke alarms at least once a month; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through community risk reduction prevention education; 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 2024 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you.™," serves to remind us of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

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 2024 as Fire Prevention Month and urges all the people of Colorado Springs to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms during Fire Prevention Month 2024 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 8th day of October 2024.


Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:


Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

