



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department, Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal Corporation, or sub-unit thereof.

Special Meeting:	PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
Date/Time:	Tuesday, July 7, 2020 @ 5:00 PM
Location:	City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers
Members:	Lisa Rasmussen {c}, Dawn Herbst, Becky McElhaney, Pat Peckham, Jim Wadinski

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (All items listed may be acted upon)

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance Amending Section 17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit

Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is being held in person and via teleconference. Members of the media and the public may attend in person, subject to the social distancing rules of maintaining at least 6 feet apart from other individuals, or by **calling 1-408-418-9388. The Access Code is: 146 867 0946 Password is: PVgQtuC9f57**

IMPORTANT: THREE (3) MEMBERS NEEDED FOR A QUORUM: If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify Toni by calling (715)261-6620 or via email leslie.kremer@ci.wausau.wi.us

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To: Public Health & Safety Committee

From: Tara G. Alfonso, Asst. City Atty *TGA*

Date: July 2, 2020

Re: COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO W.M.C. §17.24.020 OPEN FIRE
AND BURINING ALLOWED BY PERMIT

- The Chairperson of this Committee would like to review whether the process for issuance of “fire pit permits” allowing small recreational fires at business, commercial, or other like establishments can be streamlined in order to make the application to approval process quicker by delegating the issuance of permits to staff rather than this committee.
- Accordingly, this office has drafted a proposed amendment to W.M.C. §17.24.020 Open Fire and Burning Allowed by Permit which would allow the City Clerk to issue permits for business, commercial, or other like establishments upon a determination by the Fire Marshal that these applications and the premises meet the requirements of the ordinance (such as size of fire pit, safe distance from any building or structure, availability of adequate fire suppression equipment).
- Applications that are recommended for denial because the other requirements of the ordinance cannot be met, would be forwarded to the Public Health & Safety Committee which would consider the application and forward its recommendation to the Common Council.

ORDINANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE	
Amending Section 17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit	
Committee Action: Approved	Ordinance Number:
Fiscal Impact: None	
File Number:	Date Introduced:

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

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Section 1. That Section 17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit, is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit.

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(b) Recreational fires and permits.

(17) Recreational fires may be permitted at business, commercial, or other like establishments upon application for a permit by the owner of the premises, approval of a permit as provided herein, and strict compliance with all provisions of the subsection. Applications for permits by business, commercial, or other like establishments shall be submitted to the city clerk who shall forward the application to the fire marshal, chief of the fire department. ~~The chief of the fire department or his or her designee, who shall then perform an assessment of the premises for which the permit is requested to determine whether the ability of the premises and applicant to comply with the provisions of this subsection and shall make a recommendation to the Public Health and Safety Committee which shall then make the determination for issuance of the permit on a case by case basis.~~ Upon making a determination that the premises and the applicant comply with the requirements of this subsection, the fire marshal will notify the city clerk of his/her determination and the city clerk may issue a permit to the applicant. Any application or premises for which the fire marshal determines does not meet the requirements of this subsection will be submitted to the public health & safety committee with his or her recommendation to disapprove. The committee will consider the application and make a recommendation to the Common Council. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Common Council may seek such other legal relief as may be available.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted:
Approved:
Published:
Attest:

Approved:

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor

Attest:

Leslie Kremer, Clerk