

WHEREAS, the City of Tempe is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City. 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. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half. 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 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, City of Tempe residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; and

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


WHEREAS, City of Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education. City of Tempe residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week 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, I, Corey Woods, Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, do hereby declare:

October 6-12, 2024
Fire Prevention Week
in Tempe, Arizona

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
1st Day of October, Two
Thousand and Twenty-Four.


Corey D. Woods