

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in or are visitors; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; 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, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill Fire-Rescue is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ 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, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 5–11, 2025 to be

Fire Prevention Week

in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge all of our residents to take proactive steps to protect their homes and loved ones by using, charging, and disposing of lithium-ion batteries safely and responsibly.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN
OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE SEVENTH DAY OF
OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY- FIVE.

