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**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY CODE
ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION"**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina that the Code of the City of Winston-Salem is hereby amended as follows:

Section 22, Sec. 22-6. Duties of fire prevention bureau; approval of construction plans; general fire safety regulations. is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 22-6(f). Bonfires and rubbish fires.

No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private property, or on or in any public ground, without a permit or other proper authorization. For purposes of this ordinance, a "bonfire or rubbish fire" shall not include fires used solely for outdoor cooking and other recreational purposes when such fires are: (i) confined to a container (such as a fire pit or chiminea) which is subject to approval by the Fire Chief and/or their designee; (ii) located at least 25 feet away from any structure; (iii) lit with dry wood or kindling and not any accelerant, garbage, garden clippings or the like; (iv) maintained with only seasoned wood and not any garbage, garden clippings, debris or the like; and (v) are limited in size to no more than 3 feet in height and 2 feet in diameter. During construction or demolition of buildings or structures, no waste materials or rubbish shall be disposed of by burning on premises or in the immediate vicinity without having obtained a permit or other proper authorization. Furthermore, no person shall kindle or maintain any such fire which emits smoke or fumes in such quantity as to create a hazard or nuisance and no person shall kindle or maintain any fire when outdoor burning is prohibited due to weather or other hazardous conditions.