

**RECOGNIZING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
IN THE CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
October 5 - 11, 2025**

***WHEREAS**, the City of South San Francisco is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in South San Francisco and visiting; 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**, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; 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**, South San Francisco first responders are 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, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of South San Francisco does hereby declare October 5 - 11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this City, and urges the people of South San Francisco to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our fire and emergency services team.*

Eddie Flores, Mayor

Mark Addiego, Vice Mayor

Mark Nagales, Councilmember

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James Coleman, Councilmember

Dated: September 24, 2025