Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	April 28, 2026	**Staff Contact:**	Kevin Dozier, Fire Marshal
Item Number:	2026-782-AR	**Phone:**	817-598-4287

SUBJECT: Hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider adoption of Ordinance O2026-11 amending Section 4-4-1 of the Official City Code of the City of Weatherford (the 'Code'), including local amendments to the 2021 International Fire Code in Section 4-4-2.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City Council is being asked to consider an amendment to the currently adopted Fire Code to address administrative inconsistencies and strengthen enforcement provisions related to outdoor and open burning.

Since adopting the current Fire Code, staff has identified minor errors in section numbering and cross-references that may create confusion for enforcement personnel, legal review, and the public. These corrections are administrative in nature and are necessary to ensure clarity, consistency, and proper interpretation of the code.

In addition to these corrections, staff recommends the addition of a new section, **Section 112.4.2 – Enforcement of Outdoor or Open Burning Violations.** This proposed section is intended to clearly establish authority and procedures for addressing violations related to outdoor or open burning, which remain a recurring concern for public safety, air quality, and fire risk—particularly during periods of elevated fire danger.

The proposed language will:

- Clarify enforcement authority for fire and code officials
- Establish consistent procedures for identifying and addressing violations
- Provide a clear basis for issuing citations or penalties when necessary
- Support proactive compliance and public safety education efforts

Adopting this amendment will improve the usability and enforceability of the Fire Code while enhancing the City's ability to mitigate fire hazards associated with unauthorized burning.

Public Notice and Legal Requirements

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 214 requires a public hearing to provide an opportunity for community input before final adoption of the updated codes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- O2025-22_Adopted 6.24.25
- O2026-11_Clean
- O2026-11_Redlined