



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To declare the week of October 9 through 15, 2016 to be Fire Prevention Week in Columbus, Ohio

**WHEREAS,** The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Don't Wait-Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." This is the third year the focus of Fire Prevention Week has been on essential smoke alarm safety; and

**WHEREAS,** The Columbus Division of Fire is educating citizens on the importance of knowing the age of each smoke alarm their home and replacing them 10 years after the manufacture date; and

**WHEREAS,** Every year in the United States, there are 2,500 deaths that result from home fires. Of these deaths, 60% occur during fires in which no working smoke alarm is present; and

**WHEREAS,** Smoke alarms are crucial elements in the early detection of fires. Smoke and toxic fumes spread through a house faster than flames. Smoke inhalation is the primary cause of death for home fire victims; and

**WHEREAS,** Because families may have as little as two minutes to get out of their house once a fire starts, smoke alarms provide the warning that residents need to safely escape; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby declare the week of October 9 through 15, 2016 to be Fire Prevention Week, and urges the residents of Columbus to ensure their smoke alarms are working properly.