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Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 11:44 AM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Request to Allow Backyard Fire Pits in Oshawa

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to respectfully request that the City of Oshawa review and consider updating its current regulations regarding the use of fire pits in residential backyards.

Many neighbouring municipalities allow residents to safely enjoy backyard fire pits under specific guidelines, which help ensure community safety while also enhancing residents' quality of life. Fire pits are a valued part of outdoor living for many families — providing warmth, relaxation, and opportunities to connect with friends and neighbours.

I believe that with reasonable safety regulations (such as minimum distance from structures, fire size limits, and supervision requirements), it is possible to allow fire pits in a way that balances both enjoyment and safety.

I kindly ask that the City consider: •

Reviewing the current by-laws related to open-air burning,

- Exploring how other municipalities successfully permit fire pits,
- Engaging with residents on this matter through public consultation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to discuss this further or participate in any related community discussions.

Sincerely:

Jeff Wells