



**Proclamation of the City of Horseshoe Bay
Declaring the week of October 5-11, 2025
as "Fire Prevention Week"**

WHEREAS, the City of Horseshoe Bay is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; 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, golf carts, 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, Horseshoe Bay's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Horseshoe Bay's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; 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, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HORSESHOE BAY, TEXAS, PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

1. October 5-11, 2025 shall hereafter be known as "Fire Prevention Week" in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.
2. The City calls upon the citizens of Horseshoe Bay to recognize this week by thanking our first responders for the outstanding service they provide to the Horseshoe Bay community.
3. The Legislative Services Director is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation for public display, and enter this document into the records of the municipality.



Mayor Elsie Thurman