Fire Department
Weed Abatement Program

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Weed Abatement Program

- The Santa Rosa Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau coordinates an annual Weed Abatement (W.A.) inspection program throughout the City.

- Upon the local declaration of the start of "Fire Season" by the SRFD, parcel owners are required to maintain their parcels in compliance with Ordinance #3681

Weed Abatement Program

- After the compliance date is initiated, parcels are inspected by Fire Prevention personnel on a regular basis throughout the duration of fire season.

Weed Abatement Process

- If a property is inspected and is out of compliance, a notice to comply will be sent to the parcel owner advising them of the Ordinance and a date for the next inspection.
- A second inspection (aka 1st Re-inspection) is conducted and if the parcel is found to still be out of compliance, a Violation Notice will be sent to the parcel owner with a date for the next inspection.

Weed Abatement Process

- If a property remains out of compliance following the Weed Abatement Violation Notice, the Fire Department is authorized to use an approved contractor to abate the property: All costs associated are recoverable by the City.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, confirm the itemized report of the Fire Department of the cost of weed and rubbish abatement as provided for in Sections 9-08.020, 9-08.080, and 9-08.090 of the Santa Rosa City Code.
- Questions?