

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED AND RUBBISH
ABATEMENT BY THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FIRE
DEPARTMENT
STAFF PRESENTER: TOBY REY, FIRE INSPECTOR I
FIRE DEPARTMENT
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE(S)

Shall the City Council in accordance with Chapter 9-08 of the Santa Rosa City Code authorize the Fire Department to abate all weeds and rubbish on or upon private property within the City of Santa Rosa?

BACKGROUND

1. On February 12, 2013, Council declared by resolution, weeds and rubbish as a public nuisance. The second procedure is to publish a notice of a public hearing, at which time a person or persons may voice an objection to the Weed and Rubbish Abatement Program. After hearing any or all protests, the Council, by resolution, may grant or overrule any protest and authorizes the Fire Department to abate the nuisances.
2. Chapter 9-08 of the Santa Rosa City Code requires a public hearing to hear all objections or protests to the proposed removal of weed and rubbish upon property that such a public nuisance has been declared to exist.
3. The City Council grants or overrules any such protests.
4. The City Council, then, by resolution, may authorize the Fire Department to abate all weeds and rubbish on or upon private property within the City of Santa Rosa.

ANALYSIS

1. Chapter 9-08 of the Santa Rosa City Code provides for the abatement of weeds and rubbish as a public nuisance.

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2. The Santa Rosa Fire Department, as directed by the City Council, abates weeds and rubbish on or upon private property within the City of Santa Rosa subsequent to notifying property owners.
3. Over 2,500 notices are sent each year. Over the past three years the city contractor has abated over 200 private properties in addition to the city properties requiring maintenance.
4. Abatement enforcement proceedings commence June 1st and continue throughout the fire season, generally until November 1.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Department that the City Council, by resolution, grant or over rule any protests and authorize the Fire Department to abate the nuisances.

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Attachments: None