



# 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 declaration of "Fire Season" by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), parcel owners are required to maintain their parcels in compliance with Chapter 9.08 of the Santa Rosa City Code.

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- After the compliance date, parcels are inspected by Fire Prevention personnel on a regular basis.

# Weed Abatement Process

- If a property is inspected and is not in 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 1<sup>st</sup> Re-inspection) is conducted and if the parcel is found to still be not in compliance, a Violation Notice will be sent to the parcel owner, listing the violation(s) and a date for the next inspection.

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- 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?