

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

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Title: REPORT - INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9-28 TO THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE PERTAINING TO FUELS MITIGATION PILE BURNING

BACKGROUND: Reducing the vegetative fuel load is a critical part of the City's efforts to mitigate wildfire danger. By focusing on thinning and or removing low-lying vegetation, including those that can carry fire to taller tree canopies - called ladder fuels - from lands and in some areas, close to private residences, can create a more fire-resistant habitat by modifying fire behavior in an effort to reduce environmental damage and aid in suppressing wildfires. Benefits from fuels mitigation pile burning include: prevent loss of lives, reduce fire suppression costs, reduce private property losses and protect natural resources from devastating wildfire.

This chapter allows private landowners with parcels of five (5) acres or more in size and located in the City's Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area to obtain a permit from the Fire Department to perform pile burning to reduce wildfire fuel hazards to accomplish a combination of fire protection and resource management goals. Similarly, private landowners on smaller parcels both in and outside of the Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area may apply for a permit, however these will only be permitted on a case by case basis as determined by the Fire Chief.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department that Council introduce an Ordinance adding Chapter 9-28 to the Santa Rosa City Code pertaining to Fuels Mitigation Pile Burning to allow private landowners to obtain a permit from the Fire Department to perform pile burning to reduce wildfire hazards to accomplish a combination of fire protection and resource management goals.

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