

Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: May 7, 2019
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Fire Chief Bill Braga
Subject: Resolution Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance
Recommandation : Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution in order to proceed with the City's Weed Abatement Program.
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No X N/A
Net General Fund Cost:
Amount: N/A

INTRODUCTION: This item is to request City Council to approve the attached Resolution for abatement of weeds.

BACKGROUND: This is an annual program for weed abatement in the City. City Ordinance #647 provides for an abatement procedure and hearings.

DISCUSSION: The attached Resolution signifies the beginning of the City's annual weed abatement program. The Resolution declares weeds a public nuisance and sets a date for public hearing in order to provide property owners a means of protesting the removal of weeds on their property.

The parcels of land listed on Exhibit "A" (attached) have been inspected and, at that time of inspection, were found to have weeds thereon. These weeds have the potential to become a fire hazard in the very near future as summer weather patterns cause the weeds to become dry and combustible.

If the weeds on these parcels are not removed by June 18th, 2019, the City will abate the fire hazards and bill the property owners for the cost of abatement plus administrative costs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopts the attached Resolution in order to proceed with the City's Weed Abatement Program.

Attachment(s):
Resolution
Exhibit "A"

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING WEEDS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE #647

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has reported that certain owners of properties have not abated and removed weeds and other fire hazards from their property, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #647 provides for an abatement procedure and hearing,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the weeds on properties listed on the attached Exhibit "A" are hereby declared to be a Public Nuisance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hearing is hereby set for 6:00 p.m., June 18th, 2019 to hear any objections to the proposed destruction and removal of said Weeds and Fire Hazards; and that the expense thereof shall be assessed upon the lot or lands from which such weeds shall have been destroyed or removed.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 7th day of May, 2019, by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

APPROVED: _____

Mayor Neysa Hinton

ATTEST:

Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____

Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney