

CITY OF SEBASTOPOLE
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: May 1, 2018
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 Approval of 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 5th, 2018, 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 5th, 2018 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.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 1st day of May, 2018.

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST:

Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____

Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney

