

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: May 5, 2020  
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

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) Verified Electronically A.K. (verified by Administrative Services Department)

**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 2nd, 2020, the City will abate the fire hazards and bill the property owners for the cost of abatement plus administrative costs.

**Public Notice:**

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.

**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" - Attachment Removed for Website Privacy- Original in Fire Department Office

RESOLUTION # 6291-2020

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 2nd, 2020 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

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 Manager/Attorney