



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.1

DATE: April 14, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Joe Testa, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Hearing to receive and consider protests and direct staff to proceed with fieldwork on the abatement of weeds, rubbish, dirt, or refuse on specific described properties under the 2025 Weed Abatement Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends City Council consider all protests, and if the City Council finds it appropriate, adopt a resolution overruling protests, and direct staff to proceed with necessary weed abatement on all parcels requiring abatement.

SUMMARY

On March 10, 2025, Council approved Resolution 2025-032, the 2025 Fire Hazard Abatement Program. Following that meeting, staff mailed a public hearing notice to all parcel owners named in Exhibit A to the Resolution. As outlined, parcel owners have been advised of the need to abate the weeds and debris which constitute fire hazards. In cases where there was an insufficient mailing address, the notice was posted conspicuously on the property. To avoid the City Contractor abating the fire hazards, a property owner must complete the abatement in a manner that meets abatement guidelines by the required deadline. Additionally, parcel owners can protest the need to abate hazards at this public hearing which was provided in the notice.

DISCUSSION

After considering any objections to the proposed abatement at this hearing, it is recommended that the City Council overrule the objections to the proposed abatement and/or amend the list of properties to be abated. The City Council should then adopt the attached resolution, as amended (if at all), that orders a contractor to abate the weeds on the properties attached in Exhibit A.

Fire Inspectors will survey each parcel listed for compliance. If abatement has not occurred by May 31, 2025, the City Contractor will abate the weeds. At a public hearing this summer, staff will recommend that the City Council order that the abatement cost be a special assessment and a lien imposed on the properties requiring abatement for any outstanding invoices.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

The abatement costs are fully recoverable. A contractor will be retained by the City, or by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department on behalf of the City, to perform the abatement. Invoices will be sent to property owners for all work the City Contractor performs. Last year, the total cost of work was \$2637, which included administrative costs incurred by the City in accordance with Section 39577 of the Government Code. Owners can pay the City directly; all unpaid invoices are filed with the Alameda County Tax Collector as a special assessment to the tax roll.

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1: A Safe Community that Thrives

GOAL

5: Ensure effective fire suppression, prevention, emergency medical and disaster services to meet the evolving needs of our communities and other changing conditions.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Exhibit A - 2025 List of Parcels and Property Owners

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