



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 7.2

DATE: October 13, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Aaron Lacey, Interim Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Hearing to receive and consider protests related to the annual fire hazard abatement program and confirm the 2025 Weed Abatement Program assessments for collection on the County Assessor tax roll.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends City Council consider all protests, and if Council finds appropriate, adopt a resolution overruling protests and confirming the 2025 weed abatement assessments and direct staff to file a certified copy of the assessment report with the County Auditor.

DECISION TYPE

Legislative

SUMMARY

The Fire Department conducted weed abatement on two (2) parcels in July 2025. As a result, a significant fire hazard in the city has been reduced. The abated parcels are listed in Exhibit A to the resolution.

DISCUSSION

Inspectors surveyed the parcels for compliance after the deadline date of May 31, 2025. All non-compliant parcels were notified with a "Notice of Intent to Abate Hazardous Vegetation" posted on the parcel and a certified letter was sent to the property owner. Staff provided a schedule to all property owners including abatement timelines, type(s) of work needed based on parcel type, size and locations as well as the administrative costs which are charged when the City of Livermore (the City) performs the abatement. Invoices for each property abated have been sent to each property owner. In order to avoid the charges being placed on the parcel tax roll, property owners may pay invoices up to 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2025.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

The total cost of weed abatement work was \$2,491.50, which includes administrative costs incurred by the City based on Resolution No. 2025-062A, which authorized the Fire Department to proceed with the Fire Hazard Abatement Program. The total cost of work is fully recoverable and becomes a special assessment on the property owner's tax bill. Administrative costs include staff time to continue monitoring weed and debris hazards, preparation of parcel lists, publication of notices, mailing of letters, and invoices for the work performed. Also included is the cost of updating the parcel databases.

The Alameda County Assessor's Office was unable to levy the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024–25 abatement cost of \$2,636.70 against Parcel APN 098-0350-054-00 due to the parcel's \$0 assessed valuation and the absence of a FY 2025–26 tax bill. Consequently, the abatement fees and costs for FY 2024–25 (\$2,636.70) and FY 2025–26 (\$1,699.50) are deemed unrecoverable. All future abatement fees and costs associated with this parcel shall continue to be borne by the City of Livermore pursuant to its contract with Alfresco Landscape for abatement services.

COMMUNITY PILLAR

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 Weed Abatement Assessments

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