



CITY OF ATASCADERO

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item D3

Department: Fire
Date: 4/14/26
Placement: Consent

TO: JAMES R. LEWIS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: CASEY BRYSON, FIRE CHIEF

PREPARED BY: KELLY AREBALO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

SUBJECT: Declare Vegetative Growth and/or Refuse a Public Nuisance

RECOMMENDATION:

Council adopt Draft Resolution, declaring vegetative growth and/or refuse a public nuisance, commencing proceedings for the abatement of said nuisances, and placing all abatement fees on the San Luis Obispo County Special Tax Assessment for the fiscal year 2026-2027 Tax Roll.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Adoption of the Draft Resolution declaring vegetative growth and/or refuse a public nuisance is required for the contractor to abate privately owned parcels without the consent of the property owner, as well as placing all assessment fees on the tax roll.

DISCUSSION:

The Municipal Code, Section 6-13.03, addresses the abatement of vegetative growth and/or refuse, which constitutes a hazard. Adoption of the Draft Resolution is the first step in this annual program, which requires City Council action. Atascadero Fire & Emergency Services (AFES) conducted its initial inspections March 2026. There are approximately 11,282 parcels within the City. Notices are mailed to the recorded property owner of each parcel listed declaring that their parcel is an existing, future, or "potential" hazard. AFES advises that it considers a parcel a future or "potential" hazard if the parcel is not completely landscaped or irrigated and/or there is a potential for weed growth (6-13.01). The list of parcels identified to have vegetative growth and/or refuse, which are or may become a public nuisance, is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk and with AFES.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City recovers costs for administering this program. Parcels not abated are charged the contractor fee for abatement, plus a charge equal to 166% of the contractor's fee and a flat fee of \$299 to abate. The total charge is placed on the San Luis Obispo County Special Tax Assessment for the fiscal year 2026-2027 Tax Roll.

REVIEWED BY OTHERS:

This item has been reviewed by the Fire Chief.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR COUNCIL AGENDA



Lara K. Henderson, Assistant City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Exhibit A - Weeds Parcel List
3. Vegetative Growth / Refuse Notice