

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION DECLARING WEEDS AND RUBBISH IN THE  
CITY OF SANTA ROSA A PUBLIC NUISANCE  
STAFF PRESENTER: TOBY REY, SENIOR FIRE INSPECTOR II  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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ISSUE(S)

Shall the City Council direct the abatement of weeds and rubbish on or upon private property within the City of Santa Rosa?

BACKGROUND

1. Chapter 9-08 of the Santa Rosa City Code, Weed and Rubbish, provides for an annual Resolution declaring weeds and rubbish a public nuisance.
2. This Resolution authorizes the declaration and authorizes the Fire Department to give notice directing the abatement of these nuisances in accordance with the Santa Rosa City Code.

ANALYSIS

1. The Santa Rosa City Code requires the abatement of weeds and rubbish as a public nuisance.
2. The Santa Rosa Fire Department, as directed by the City Council, abates weeds and rubbish on or upon private property within the City of Santa Rosa subsequent to notifying property owners.
3. Approximately over 2,500 notices are sent each year. Over 200 parcels are abated annually by the Fire Department (including city owned).
4. Abatement enforcement proceedings commence on May 15<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the fire season, generally until November 1.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Department that the City Council, by resolution, declares weeds and rubbish a public nuisance and authorize the Fire Department to give notice directing the abatement of these nuisances as provided for in the Santa Rosa city code.

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Attachments: None