



Weed Abatement Program

Development Services Department

City Council Public Hearing
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Background

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- Purpose
 - To address unmaintained properties that pose a public nuisance and impact the public health, safety, and welfare of the community
 - Minimize fire hazards
- Required under Municipal Code 8.12.180 and California Code 39561
 - Compliance is a year-round requirement
- On February 26, 2024 City Council approved Resolution No. 6705:
 - Declaring unmaintained weeds, grasses, and vegetation and dead, dying or combustible debris a public nuisance.
 - Authorizing staff to begin the Annual Weed Abatement Program

Program Marketing

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- Voluntary compliance is highly encouraged
 - Marketing Efforts
 - Mail / Email / Water bill inserts (1st Courtesy Notice)
 - Social Media Posts (X, Instagram, Facebook, Next Door, YouTube, etc.)
 - Electronic Message Boards at City and High School
 - Flyers at City Hall and Public Library
 - City Council Meeting
 - City sponsored events
 - Upland Weed Abatement Program Website
<https://www.uplandca.gov/weed-abatement-program-information>

Compliance Process

1. **City Council Meeting No. 1** (February 26, 2024)

Purpose: City Council meeting to approve resolution and authorizing staff to start inspections

2. **Inspections and Notices**

a) **Courtesy Notices** (Mid-February – March)

- 1st Courtesy Notice – sent to all
- 2nd Courtesy Notice
 - Determined by inspection / Property owner given 15 days to comply from date on the notice

b) **Notice to Comply** (March - June)

- \$115 administrative fee
- Property owner given 15 days to comply from the date on the notice

Note: Newly identified parcels identified during any of the above-mentioned phases received a Courtesy Notice

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2. Inspections and Notices (cont.)

c) Notice to Abate (Late June - July)

- Notices to Abate sent certified mail to property owners
 - Notices sent up to 10-days prior to the public hearing and a notice of public hearing was published in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and posted on the City's website
 - \$440 administrative fee assessed

3. City Council Meeting No. 2 (June 24, 2024)

Purpose: Public Hearing to approve the abatement list and authorize staff to abate properties

- Accept any requests for an appeal / Property owner must submit public comment to the City Council

Compliance Process:

4. Abatement Process

- Staff to secure:
 - Written authorization from property owner
 - Administrative warrant
- Competitively procured landscape services
 - All costs to bring the property into compliance will be the responsibility of the parcel owner
 - Costs will be shown parcel owner's annual property tax as a lien

5. City Council Meeting No. 3 (July 2024)

Request City Council authority to file liens with the County Assessor's Office against the property

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that City Council:

- Approve the Abatement List
- Authorize staff to secure property owner consent or an administrative warrant to abate the public nuisance