

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Matt Peters, Interim Director of Community Development

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Introduce Ordinance Amending Title 8 of the Temecula Municipal Code Regarding Hazardous Vegetation

PREPARED BY: Brandon Rabidou, Principal Management Analyst

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council introduce an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING HAZARDOUS VEGETATION, AND MAKE A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SECTION 15061 (B)(3) (LR23-0105)

SUMMARY OF

ORDINANCE: The proposed ordinance makes amendments to Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the Temecula Municipal Code. Most of the amendments are related to Chapter 8.16 (Hazardous Vegetation) which is directly related to the City’s weed abatement program. Proposed changes include the addition of a graphic to communicate requirements, simplified language, and improved noticing. An additional amendment to Chapter 8.12 (Nuisances) is included to further clarify the City’s ability to recoup costs through liens, assessments, or civil action(s).

BACKGROUND: The City’s hazardous vegetation ordinance was originally updated in 1991 and revised in 1998. Since 1998, various state laws have changed which require the ordinance to be updated. While updating the ordinance for these minor changes, staff took the opportunity to simplify the ordinance with a visual graphic, plain language, and improved public notification. These improvements should improve the administration of the weed abatement program and help the public better understand their responsibilities for mitigating hazardous vegetation.

FISCAL IMPACT: The updated ordinance may have negligible positive fiscal impacts if the ordinance results in improved voluntarily compliance or timely payment of weed abatement costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance
2. Notice of Public Hearing
3. Notice of Exemption