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January 23, 2020

The Honorable City Council
City of Commerce
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, CA 90040

Honorable City Council:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, ETC., ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE

Transmitted herewith is the Declaration List of properties which have been found by inspection to have weeds, brush and/or rubbish growing or occurring upon them and which constitute an existing or potential hazard to the health and safety of adjacent property owners.

Also attached is a resolution for adoption by the City Council declaring that hazardous weeds, brush, rubbish, etc., growing or occurring upon or in front of the listed properties are a seasonal and recurrent public nuisance.

It is my recommendation that the Honorable City Council adopt this resolution at its meeting of February 4, 2020, which sets February 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time for Hearing of Protests. After your City Council adopts the resolution, please send a copy to our Weed Abatement Division at the above address.

On or before February 1, 2020, Annual Weed Abatement Notices will be sent to the owners of the properties identified in the resolution pursuant to state law. An affidavit attesting to the mailing of the annual notices is attached. If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 575-5487.

Respectfully submitted,

ADRIAN ZAVALA
Deputy Director/Bureau Chief
Weed Hazard and Integrated Pest Management Bureau


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ADRIAN ZAVALA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU CHIEF, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, being first duly sworn says: That on or before the 1st day of February 2020, as required by the Government Code of the State of California, he notified by United States Mail the owners of each of the properties described in the attached list a notice or notices to destroy noxious or dangerous weeds, of which the annexed is a true copy, and setting the 18th day of February, 2020, as the date upon which owners of said property could attend a meeting of the Council of the City of Commerce, when their objections will be heard and given due consideration.



Adrian Zavala
Deputy Director, Bureau Chief

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

This _____ day of _____, 2020

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH AND REFUSE UPON OR IN FRONT OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Division 3, Part 2, Chapter 13, Article 2, of the California Government Code, Sections 39560 to 39588, inclusive, and evidence received by it, the City Council of the City of Commerce specifically finds:

SECTION 1. That the weeds, brush or rubbish growing or existing upon the streets, sidewalks, or private property in the city attain such large growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace to adjacent improved property, or which are otherwise noxious, dangerous, or a public nuisance.

SECTION 2. That the presence of dry grass, stubble, refuse, or other flammable materials are conditions which endanger the public safety by creating a fire hazard.

SECTION 3. That by reason of the foregoing fact, the weeds, brush, rubbish, dry grass, stubble, refuse, or other flammable material growing or existing upon the private property hereinafter described, and upon the streets and sidewalks in front of said property constitute a seasonal and recurrent public nuisance and should be abated as such.

SECTION 4. That the private property, together with the streets and sidewalks in front of same herein referred to, is more particularly described as follows, to wit: That certain property described in the attached list hereto and by this reference made a part hereof as though set forth in full at this point.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, pursuant to the findings of fact, by this Council heretofore made, that the weeds, brush, rubbish, dry grass, stubble, refuse, or other flammable material in and upon and in front of the real property hereinbefore described constitute and are hereby declared to be a seasonal and recurrent public nuisance which should be abated. The Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, County of Los Angeles, is hereby designated the person to give notice to destroy said weeds, brush, rubbish, dry grass, stubble, refuse, or other flammable material and shall cause notices to be given to each property owner by United States Mail and said notice shall be substantially in the following form to wit.

NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS,

REMOVE BRUSH, RUBBISH AND REFUSE

Notice is hereby given that on February 4, 2020, the City Council of the City of Commerce passed or will pass a resolution declaring noxious or dangerous vegetation including weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, and chaparral or rubbish and refuse were growing or occurring upon or in front of said property on certain streets in said city or unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles, and more particularly described in the resolution, and that they constitute a public nuisance which must be abated by the removal of said noxious or dangerous vegetation, rubbish and refuse. The resolution further declares that, if not abated, the vegetation and/or rubbish and refuse may be removed and the nuisance abated by County authorities in which case the cost of removal shall be assessed upon the land from or in front of which the noxious or dangerous vegetation, rubbish and refuse are removed. Such cost will constitute a special assessment against such lots or lands. Reference is hereby made to said resolution for further particulars. In addition, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles authorized and directed the Agricultural Commissioner to recover its costs of details. All property owners having any objections to the proposed removal of noxious or dangerous vegetation, rubbish and refuse and the recovery of inspection costs, are hereby notified that they may attend a hearing of the City Council of said city to be held at 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040, in the Council Chambers on February 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. where their objections will be heard and given due consideration. If the property owner does not want to present objections to the proposed removal of the noxious or dangerous vegetation including weeds, brush, tumbleweeds, sagebrush, and chaparral or rubbish and refuse, or the recovery of inspection costs, the owner need not appear at the above mentioned hearing.

City Clerk of the City of Commerce

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Agricultural Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to recover its costs of inspection of the properties hereinabove described in a manner consistent with prior action of the Board adopting a fee schedule for such inspections. The recovery of these costs is vital to the ongoing operation governing the identification and abatement of those properties that constitute a seasonal and recurrent public nuisance and endanger the public safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 18th day of February, 2020, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. of said day is the day and hour, and the Meeting Room of the City Council of the City of Commerce in the City Hall in the City of Commerce is fixed by this City Council as the place when and where any and all property owners having any objections to the aforesaid proposed removal of weeds, brush, rubbish, dry grass, stubble, refuse, or other flammable material may appear before the City Council and show cause why said weeds, brush, rubbish, dry grass, stubble, refuse, or other flammable material should not be removed in accordance with this resolution, and said objections will then and there be heard and given due consideration; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the notices to destroy weeds, brush, rubbish, dry grass, stubble, refuse or other flammable material hereinbefore referred to shall be mailed by said Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures at least ten days prior to February 18, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE

ATTEST:

BY _____
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE

ABATEMENT ORDER

February 18, 2020

FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2020, IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO ABATE NOXIOUS WEEDS, RUBBISH, AND REFUSE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, BY MOTION ADOPTED AN ORDER DIRECTING THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE BY HAVING THE WEEDS, RUBBISH, AND REFUSE REMOVED.

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