



# Fire Department

HEADQUARTERS

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Subject Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE NUISANCE**

**Hearing Date: July 27, 2010**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE II**, notice is hereby given that dry grass, dry leaves, weeds, stubble, brush, litter or other flammable material are present upon the subject property described in this notice and creates, in the opinion of the Santa Barbara County Fire Chief, a fire nuisance.

On **July 27, 2010, at 9:00** the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara will meet in the Board Hearing Room, located at **511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, California** to hear the report of the Fire Chief regarding this alleged nuisance.

Any person may attend such meeting, and his or her objection, if any, to such report, will be heard and given due consideration.

**WARNING! If at such hearing, the Board finds that a fire nuisance does exist upon the subject property, it may direct the Fire Chief or his agent to remove or abate such nuisance. A citation may be issued to all property owners that do not abate this fire nuisance by the compliance date. THE COST FOR SUCH REMOVAL AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WILL BE COLLECTED BY ADDING IT ONTO THE TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. ANY OWNER INTENDING TO ABATE THIS NUISANCE AT HIS OWN EXPENSE SHOULD DO SO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CLEARING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BELOW, ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AFORESAID HEARING.**

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**PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE IF YOUR PROPERTY HAS ALREADY BEEN CLEARED**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEARING PROPERTY**

- 1- Maintain a 100 foot defensible space area surrounding structures. (Public Resources Code 4291, Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 15, Article 1.)
  - A. Clear the 30 foot area immediately surrounding structures from all flammable vegetation
  - B. The remaining 70 feet is the fuel reduction zone created by vertical and horizontal spacing of combustible vegetation..
- 2- Clear flammable vegetation 10 feet from all roadways. (Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 15-3 (k)).

**Exception:** This section shall not apply to single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or cultivated ground cover such as green grass, ivy succulents, or similar plants used as ground covers, provided that they do not form a means of readily transmitting fire from the native growth to any structure.

**Note:** When clearing vegetation, use care when operating equipment such as mowers, chainsaws, and/or weedwackers. One small spark may cause a fire.

**COMPLIANCE DATE: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**DIRECT INQUIRES TO STATION \_\_\_\_\_**

**THIS PROPERTY SHALL REMAIN FREE OF FIRE HAZARDS ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS**

**“DEFENSIBLE SPACE IS EVERY HOME OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY”**

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