



# Fire Department

HEADQUARTERS

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Fire Chief

June 15, 2006

«OwnerName»  
«OwnerAddrLine1»  
«OwnerAddrLine2»  
«OwnerStreetAddress»  
«OwnerCity», «OwnerState» «OwnerZip»

Subject: Parcel # «APN»

## **REVISED NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE NUISANCE**

**New Hearing Date: July 11, 2006**

**PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE IF YOUR PROPERTY HAS ALREADY BEEN CLEARED  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

**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 is 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 11, 2006, 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 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 misdemeanor citation will 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 June 3, 2006.**

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### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEARING PROPERTY**

- 1- Maintain a 100 foot defensible space area surrounding structures
  - A. Clear the 30 foot area immediately surrounding structure from all flammable vegetation
  - B. The remaining 70 feet is the fuel reduction zone created by vertical and horizontal spacing between trees and shrubs.
- 2- Clear flammable vegetation 10 feet from all roadways.

**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 property to abate fire hazard, consideration should be given to potential environmental impact.  
When clearing vegetation, use care when operating equipment such as mowers. One small spark may cause a fire.

**COMPLIANCE DATE: June 3, 2006**

**DIRECT INQUIRES TO STATION «Station» AT 681-5515**

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

**“HAZARD REDUCTION IS EVERY HOME OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY”**

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