



**City Manager's Report**  
**April 23, 2019 City Council Meeting**  
**Prepared By: Cleve Morris**

**Item#: 12.1**

**Subject:** Review proposed Vegetation Management Ordinance and provide input to staff.

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**Purpose:** To review a potential new ordinance to provide vegetation management for fire prevention in accordance with the State Fire Regulations.

**Background:** Due to severe wildfires over the last year, the need for better fire prevention has increased. In January, staff reviewed a draft ordinance provided by El Dorado County. Since that time, staff has attended more meetings with El Dorado County and has done additional research on this topic. The attached draft ordinance was prepared in conjunction with El Dorado County Fire, City Code Enforcement, City Attorney and the Placerville Fire Safe Council.

**Discussion:** The attached draft ordinance is proposed to continue the discussion on an appropriate Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Materials Abatement Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to better mitigate potential fire hazards due to hazardous vegetation and other combustible materials. Due to recent major fires in California, staff feels a certain urgency with this ordinance in order to begin enforcement this year. However, due to the time necessary to adopt an ordinance, it is recognized that enforcement will be limited this first year but that education will be a key component. The attached document has been revised significantly from the ordinance provided in March. Staff incorporated comments from the last Council meeting, and met with representatives of the Fire Safe Council to review their comments.

This meeting will continue the review of this potential ordinance. On April 30, a public workshop will be held to further obtain public input on the ordinance. Staff will then look at bringing back the ordinance for adoption in May.

**Options:**

1. Direct staff to continue with the proposed ordinance as drafted.
2. Make changes and ask staff to proceed.
3. Direct staff not to proceed with the ordinance at this time.

**Cost:** Cost to amend the ordinance will be minimal and can be absorbed in the current budget. On-going costs for enforcement will be addressed in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

**Budget Impact:** None. All costs of amending the ordinance can be absorbed in the budget.

**Recommendation:** Review proposed Vegetation Management Ordinance and provide input to staff.



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M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

*Attachments:*

1. *Draft Ordinance – Redlined*
2. Draft Ordinance - Clean