



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Jennifer Ustation, Interim Finance Director
DATE: August 3, 2021
SUBJECT: **Adopt Resolution of the City Council Ordering the Collection of Weed Abatement Charges and Directing the County Auditor to Collect Such Fees on the Tax Rolls**

Background and Analysis:

Annually, the City of Beaumont conducts weed abatement for vacant parcels throughout the City in accordance with Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 8.08. This section of the code requires property owners to maintain their properties free of weeds, dry grass, dead trees, or any other growing material that creates a fire hazard.

Notices to abate were sent to vacant property owners in April 2021, requiring them to remove weeds and dead vegetation and to maintain fire breaks in accordance with Section 8.08.015 of the code. Property owners are encouraged to participate in the City's subscription program, which assigns a City approved contractor to their property to complete the weed abatement and the property owner is then assessed the cost of the abatement on their annual property taxes.

Property owners that do not complete their weed abatement as required are summarily abated as provided for in Section 8.08.026 of the code and the costs for the abatement are reported to City Council for a resolution ordering the collection of weed abatement charges through assessments on the Riverside County Auditor tax rolls.

For consideration is a resolution of City Council, ordering the collection of weed abatement charges and directing the County Auditor to collect such fees on the tax rolls, with a report of costs for weed abatement as completed by the City of Beaumont contractors, listed by parcel.

Fiscal Impact:

Approval of the resolution and collection of weed abatement charges on the Riverside County Auditor tax rolls will allow for the cost recovery by the City of Beaumont in the amount of \$61,333.50. City staff estimates the cost to prepare this report was \$390.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, Ordering the Collection of Weed Abatement Charges and Directing the County Auditor to Collect Such Fees on the Tax Rolls."

Attachments:

- A. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California Ordering the Collection of Weed Abatement Charges and Directing the County Auditor to Collect Such Fees on the Tax Rolls
- B. Report of Weed Abatement as Completed by the City of Beaumont, listed by Parcel