

# City of Brisbane

## Staff Report

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Richard Johnson, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Fire Prevention Services Bureau  
Via Ron D. Myers, Fire Chief

Subject: Weed and Flammable Waste Abatement

Date: Meeting of June 16, 2016

### **Purpose:**

To reduce the threat of fire created by weeds and flammable waste located on private property.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Open the Public Hearing and hear any objections by noticed property owners of properties on which a nuisance has been declared to exist.
2. Close the Public Hearing and sustain or overrule any objections which have been raised.
3. Give direction to Enforcement Officer to clear the properties that have not complied with the notice.

### **Background:**

In April of 2009, the City Council adopted an ordinance establishing a procedure for the abatement of weeds and flammable wastes that create fire hazards. Further, the ordinance establishes the process by which abatement is accomplished for those properties that do not comply, enabling the City to recover its costs associated with bringing the property in compliance, through levying an assessment against the property on which the abatement work has been performed. The ordinance mandates that those properties not in compliance as of the due date receive a letter by mail, which provides the date and time for the public hearing, whereby a property owner can state why they should not be a part of the weed abatement requirements and abatement process.

### **Discussion:**


A list was created of those properties, in which weeds or flammable waste materials were found to exist after the compliance due date of May 30<sup>th</sup> and constituted a fire hazard.. This list was reviewed by the Fire Chief and then notices were sent to the property owners as required by the ordinance

### **Fiscal Impact:**

There are no fiscal impacts.



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