



ANDERSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

EXTERIOR HAZARD ABATEMENT

PROGRAM MINIMUM ABATEMENT STANDARDS

A. GENERALLY

1. Abatement of exterior fire hazards shall be maintained throughout fire season. Fire season typically begins June 1 and extends through October. Parcels may require additional abatement during the fire season due to re-growth. Nothing in this Chapter restricts the abatement of fire hazards outside of the standard fire season if the Anderson Fire Protection District deems such abatement necessary.

2. The Fire District may require modification to the minimum abatement standards on properties due to challenges with terrain, land use, growth, location, or the fire history of the area.

3. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the Fire Chief from requiring more than the minimum specific requirements set forth above when the Fire Chief determines that conditions exist which necessitate greater fire protection measures.

B. VEGETATION

1. PROPERTIES LESS THAN ONE ACRE

a) Owners of Parcels less than one acre shall provide 30 feet of defensible space around all structures, occupied or not. This can be achieved through landscaping or by mowing, disking, and/or spraying dry brush or native grasses to a height of **3-inches** or less.

b) All combustible materials, such as wood piles, stored outside shall be neatly stacked away from all structures and have all combustible growth cleared **15-feet** around it.



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2. PROPERTIES BETWEEN ONE ACRE AND FIVE ACRES

a) Owners of parcels between one acre and five acres shall provide **100-feet** of defensible space around all structures, occupied or not. This can be achieved through landscaping or by mowing, disking, and/or spraying dry brush or native grasses to a height of **3-inches** or less.

b) Parcels shall provide a **15-foot** disked or bladed fuel break along the perimeter of the property. A fuel break is a continuous strip of land upon and from which all rubbish, weeds, grass or other growth that could be expected to burn has been abated or otherwise removed in order to prevent extension of fire from one area to another.

c) Mowed fuel breaks are only acceptable if an area cannot be disked due to terrain or other factors. Mowed fuel breaks should be maintained at a maximum height of **3-inches** and a minimum width of **60-feet**.

d) All combustible materials, such as wood piles, stored outside shall be neatly stacked away from all structures and have all combustible growth cleared **15-feet** around it.

3. PROPERTIES OVER FIVE ACRES

a) Owners of parcels over five acres shall provide **100-feet** of defensible space around all structures. This can be achieved through landscaping or by mowing, disking, and/or spraying dry brush or native grasses to a height of **3-inches** or less.

b) Parcels shall provide a **15-foot** disked or bladed fuel break along any portions of the property that borders a developed parcel or subdivision. A fuel break is a continuous strip of land upon and from which all rubbish, weeds, grass or other growth that could be expected to burn has been abated or otherwise removed in order to prevent extension of fire from one area to another.

c) Mowed fuel breaks are only acceptable if an area cannot be disked due to terrain or other factors. Mowed fuel breaks should be maintained at a maximum height of **3-inches** and a minimum width of **60-feet**.

d) Owners of parcels 10 acres or more shall provide a **15-foot** cross break to divide the parcel into approximately **5-acre** sections. A cross break is a fuel break that divides up the parcel with a continuous strip of land that is disked or bladed. Parcels that are used for agricultural purposes may contact the Fire Prevention Division to request modifications to this requirement.

e) All combustible materials, such as wood piles, stored outside shall be neatly



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stacked away from all structures, occupied or not, and have all combustible growth cleared **15-feet** around it.

C. TREES – ALL PROPERTIES

Property owners are required to:

1. Remove from their property all dead trees within **100-feet** of all structures.
2. Maintain trees within **100-feet** of all structures, occupied or not, or within **10-feet** of that portion of a fire apparatus access road.
3. Limb up trees within **100-feet** of all structures, occupied or not, so that no leafy foliage, twigs or branches are within **5-feet** from the ground.
4. Remove any portion of a tree which extends within **10-feet** of the outlet of a chimney or stovepipe.
5. Keep all trees, shrubs and other vegetation or portions thereof adjacent to or overhanging all structures free of dead limbs, branches, and other combustible matter.
6. Maintain **5-feet** of vertical clearance between roof surfaces and portions of trees overhanging all structures and keep roofs free of leaves, needles, twigs, and other combustible matter.

D. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS – ALL PROPERTIES

1. Property owners shall abate **10-feet** on both sides of all public or private roadways and driveways upon and adjacent to the parcel.
2. Property owners shall maintain unobstructed horizontal clearance of not less than the required width of the access road.
3. Property owners shall maintain an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than **17-feet** above all roadways. This shall include tree canopies, awnings and trellises.
4. Property owners shall ensure the property address numbers are clearly visible from the street.
5. If any property owner has an electronic gate preventing access to their home,



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they must have a KNOX key switch allowing emergency crews access to the property. KNOX key switch information can be obtained by contacting the Fire District.

E. VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

The Fire Chief or his or her designee has the authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter pursuant to the laws of the State of California.

ABATEMENT BY BURNING PROHIBITED

Abatement by burning within this jurisdiction is unlawful unless by permit, in accordance with the provisions of the California Fire Code, and all other applicable permits are to be obtained from appropriate governing jurisdictions. Burn permits are only issued to working agricultural properties.

WEED ABATEMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Anderson Fire Protection District does not make any recommendations concerning weed abatement service providers. We do, however, maintain a list of providers in our area. Visit www.andersonfire.org/abatement to view and print the list.

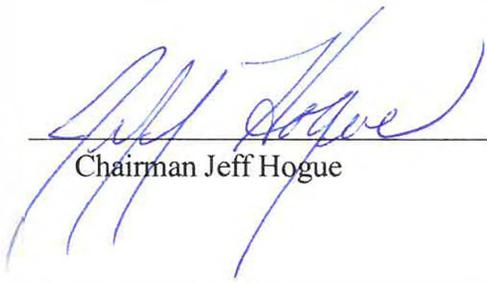
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Anderson Fire Protection District on June 12, 2018, and duly adopted at a regular meeting of the District held on July 10, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman Jeff Hogue, Vice Chair Patricia Clarke, Member Marsha Kelley

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Secretary John Day

ABSTAIN: NONE



Chairman Jeff Hogue