

.1 CREATED.

There is hereby created the Fire Department, the purpose of which shall be the prevention and suppression of fire, and the protection of life and property from hazards resulting from fire or other disasters within the city limits.

📖 § 8.2 COMPOSITION; DUTIES.

(A) The Fire Department shall be headed by the Fire Chief, and shall consist of as many other officers and firefighters as may be deemed necessary for the effective operation of the Department, and as are authorized from time to time by the City Council.

(B) The functions of the Fire Department shall include:

(1) Protecting life and property by preventing and eliminating fire hazards and by controlling and extinguishing fires;

(2) Enforcing laws and ordinances relating to preventing and extinguishing fires and handling potentially dangerous combustibles and explosives;

(3) Conducting investigations into the causes of all fires; (In all cases where there is reason to believe that any fire is the result of a crime or that a crime was committed in connection therewith, the cooperation and coordination of the responsible law enforcement authority shall be obtained.)

(4) Maintaining in efficient operable condition those firefighting and fire prevention systems and facilities assigned to the Fire Department;

(5) Subject to the provisions of this code relating to personnel, recruiting and training firefighters or other volunteer and auxiliary personnel as may reasonably be required to augment regular Fire Department personnel; and

(6) Performing other duties that do not detract from the primary purpose of fire suppression and prevention as the City Manager may direct.

📖 § 8.3 FIRE CHIEF; RESPONSIBILITY.

The Fire Chief shall develop, maintain and enforce an up-to-date comprehensive set of rules and regulations governing the discipline, training and operation of the Fire Department.

📖 § 8.4 POWERS.

The Fire Chief shall be the chief executive officer of the Fire Department, and shall be invested with the following powers:

(A) To make an annual report to the City Manager at the end of each fiscal year concerning the Fire Department in general, giving a description of its condition and telling of its activities during the year;

(B) To have direct control, management and direction of all officers and personnel of the Fire Department, and the power to detail any of them to the public service as he and she may see fit, looking to the best interests and efficiency of the Department;

(C) To carry out the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Department, and to be able to recommend, suspend or remove from service any officer or firefighter in a manner as provided in these regulations;

(D) To exercise supreme command over the Department at fires and over all resources belonging to it;

(E) To cause all fires to be extinguished with the least possible danger to life and property, and to prevent unnecessary damage at fires;

(F) To see that the premises on which fires occur are left in a condition that they will not rekindle and cause further damage to life and property;

(G) To see that all equipment and apparatus are maintained in the best possible working condition;

(H) To make a complete investigation of each fire, keeping a record of determining its cause, amount of loss to buildings and contents, the number and description of each building destroyed, together with the names of the owner and occupants.

(I) May designate official(s) who are authorized to exercise the authority provided by California Penal Code §§ 19.7, 830.37 and 836.5

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 **§ 8.5 ADOPTED.**

For the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion, certain documents of the California Code of Regulation Title 24 entitled:

(A) ~~2013~~ 2016 Edition of the California Fire Code (Part 9) with Amendments, incorporating the ~~2012~~ 2015 International Fire Code, published by the International Code Council;

(B) ~~2013~~ 2016 Edition of the California Building Code (Part 2, Vol. 1 and 2 of 2) with amendments;

(C) ~~2013~~ 2016 California Residential Code (Part 25);

are hereby adopted by the City Council as the fire code of the city, and included in and made a part of this code as though set forth at length herein. A copy of the code is maintained in the Office of the Fire Marshal for examination and use by the public.

 **§ 8.6 ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION.**

The California Fire Code, California Building Code, and International Fire, as adopted and amended herein, shall be enforced by the Fire Prevention Division in the Fire Department of the city, which is hereby established, and shall be operated under the supervision of the Fire Chief or the Division Chief in charge of the Fire Prevention Division.

 **§ 8.7 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**

All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, the California Fire Code, or standards hereby adopted, are hereby repealed.

 **§ 8.8 JURISDICTION.**

Whenever the word “jurisdiction” is used in the California Fire Code, it is the City of Red Bluff.

 **§ 8.9 APPEALS.**

Chapter 1, § **108.1** of the International Fire Code is amended to read as follows:

When the Fire Chief or his or her representative disapproves an application or refuses to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply, or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal the decision of the Fire Chief or his or her representative to the City Council within 30 days from the date of the decision.

§ 8.10 PENALTIES.

(A) In addition to any other remedy the city may have, a violation of the fire code, as adopted pursuant to §8.5, concerning issues of fire retention or fire control; the provisions of the California Building Code concerning issues of fire prevention, fire control, or life safety; any state statute addressing fire prevention or fire control, shall be guilty of an infraction and/or misdemeanor, punished by a fine, up to and including imprisonment, as outlined in § [1.23](#) of this code.

(B) The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all persons shall be required to correct or remedy the violations or defects within a reasonable time.

(C) When not otherwise specified, each seven days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 8.11 ENFORCEMENT-CITATION AUTHORITY.

(A) The Fire Chief or his or her representative is authorized to issue field citations to any person whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that the person has committed a violation of:

(1) The California or International Fire Code as adopted by § [8.5](#), and the provisions of this chapter that concern issues of fire prevention or fire control;

(2) Provisions of the California Building Code that concern issues of fire prevention or fire control or life safety;

(3) Any state statute addressing fire prevention or fire control in his or her presence.

(B) Designated officials are authorized to exercise the authority provided by California Penal

§ 8.12 VALIDITY.

The city hereby declares that should any section, division, sentence or word of the ordinance codified in this chapter, or of the California Fire Code, California Building Code, or International Fire Code as adopted and amended herein, be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the city that it would have passed all other portions of the ordinance codified in this chapter independent of the elimination therefrom of any portion as may be declared invalid.

§ 8.13 SELF-INSPECTION.

The California Fire Code is amended and changed in the following respects. There is added to Appendix Chapter 1, § [106.2](#) the following:

(A) *Purpose.* For the purpose of providing and maintaining functions necessary for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property from fire and panic, the Red Bluff Fire Department does establish a self-inspection program, assuring that certain “B” and “M”

occupancies within the city are inspected on an annual basis for fire safety or at the discretion of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal.

(B) *Definitions.* The following words and phrases shall be defined with this code as follows:

(1) “B” Occupancies: Those buildings for professional or service-type transactions offices, including storage of records and accounts.

(2) “M” Occupancies:” Those buildings for the display and sale of merchandise, and involving stocks of goods, wares or merchandise, as defined in § 202 of the California Fire Code.

(C) *Function of self-inspection program.* The Red Bluff Fire Department shall deliver, by hand or by mail, its current “self-inspection worksheet” and “confidential business occupancy information” forms to each applicable “B” and “M” occupancy within the city on a bi-annual basis or at the discretion of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal.

(D) *Failure to comply; citation/fee.*

(1) Failure of the business owner, property owner, or person responsible for the property to comply with the requirement to return the self-inspection worksheet duly completed; or failure to correct the deficiencies noted within 14 days shall result in the issuance of one warning letter extending the inspection period by seven days. Failure to complete and return the self-inspection worksheet shall result in an inspection of the delinquent occupancy by Red Bluff Fire Department personnel, for which the business owner will be charged, as provided in the city schedule of fees and charges for city services.

(2) Further, failure of the business owner, property owner, or person responsible for the property to correct deficiencies found, shall be an infraction; and the city may cause to be issued a citation to the business owner or property owner for violation of the terms of this section.

(3) In addition to any other remedy the city may have, further failure to comply with the requirements of this section could result in the revoking of one’s occupancy permit.

§ 8.14 SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

The California Fire and Building Codes are amended in the following respects. Added and amended to the requirements of Chapter 9, § 903 are the following:

(A) An approved automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed in all occupancies and locations as set forth in this section. A standard automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout all buildings:

(1) As required by the California Building and Fire Code.

(2) In any structure requiring a fire flow of more than 2,000 gallons per minute (GPM), as determined by Appendix B of the California Fire Code, Fire Flow Requirements.

Minimum fire flow for a building with an automatic sprinkler system meeting section 903.3.1.1 of the California Fire Code will not be less than 50% of the value in Table B105.1 (2) The Fire Chief has ultimate decision on Table B105.2 and if any variance will be given.

1. **NFPA 13D-16 Revise Section 8.3.2 as follows:** Bathroom(s), regardless of size, shall be

provided with sprinkler coverage.

2. **NFPA 13R-16 Revise Section 6.6.2 as follows:** Bathroom(s), regardless of size, shall be provided with sprinkler coverage.

9.20.210 Appendix B - Fire flow requirements for buildings.

A. Table B105-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Automatic Sprinkler System (Design Standard)	Minimum Fire-Flow (gallons per minute)	Flow Duration (hours)
No automatic sprinkler system	Value in Table B105.1(2)	Duration in Table B105.1(2)
Section 903.3.1.1 of the California Fire Code	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) ^a	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate
Section 903.3.1.2 of the California Fire Code	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) ^b	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate

- a. The reduced fire-flow shall be not less than 1,000 gallons per minute.
- b. The reduced fire-flow shall be not less than 1,500 gallons per minute.

(B) Amend CFC 903.2.9.1 to read: An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings used as repair garages exceeding 3,000 square feet.

(C) Amend CFC 903.2.11.3 to read: Three or more stories in height, or 30 or more feet in height.

(D) Add to CFC 903.3.7: Fire Department Connection (FDC) shall be accessible, identified and placed within 50 feet of a city-approved fire hydrant. The fire code official shall have final approval of all FDC locations.

(E) All existing structures shall meet the requirements of this section when, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, a change of occupancy or character of the occupancy is made and a greater hazard to life or property exists, or the required fire flows are increased.

(F) Automatic sprinkler risers shall be enclosed to protect against freeze. A three-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of the sprinkler riser.

 **§ 8.15 FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS.**

The California Fire Code is amended and changed in the following respects. There is added to Chapter 5 the following:

Added to 501.4:

(A) An all-weather driving surface capable of supporting imposed loads up to 75,000 ~~70,000~~ pounds shall be maintained during all phases of construction.

(B) Fire hydrant(s) capable of meeting minimum fire flows of 1,000 gallons per minute shall be charged and available to all sites under construction prior to the stacking of combustible materials on site. Fire hydrants shall be located within 500' of the furthest most point of construction; use of an existing hydrant shall not interfere the with daily routine traffic patterns of city residents.

Added to 503.2.1, Dimensions:

(A) Fire apparatus access roads in residential areas, public or private, shall have an unobstructed minimum width of 40', curb-to-curb.

(B) Fire apparatus access roads within multi-family developments shall have an unobstructed minimum width of 30 feet.

503.2.4 is amended in the following respect: Cul-de-sac turning radius shall be 50', or 100' curb-to-curb minimum.

§ 8.16 PREMISES IDENTIFICATION.

The International Fire Code is amended in the following respects. There is added to § 505.1 the following:

(A) Approved address numbers for premises identification shall be placed on all new and existing buildings near the doorway, or in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or access fronting the property during both day and night hours. If building and/or occupancy numbers are not illuminated, additional lighting shall be required.

(B) All properties served by a rear access shall install approved address numbers for premises identification in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the access. Exception: a single-family dwelling.

(C) Numbers shall be contrasting in color to their background.

(D) The minimum size and dimension of the numbers shall be 6 inches in height, with 3/4-inch stroke width or larger, and shall be readily visible and legible from the adjacent street. The numbers for a single-family dwelling shall have a minimum size of 4 inches in height, with 1/2-inch stroke width or larger.

(E) Where a building is set back from the street or road fronting the property, and where addresses may not be clearly identifiable due to distance from the street or roadway, landscape, vegetation and/or architectural appendages, or other obstructions, address posting shall be required both on the building and at the street, road or driveway serving such building. Street or roadside address posting shall be on a weather-resistant sign, permanently mounted to a post, and highly visible from all directions of traffic flow. Where unusual circumstances exist, a direction indicator may be required to show specific direction of building(s).

(F) Condominiums, apartment complexes, townhouses, mobile home parks, and commercial complexes shall have installed, at points of entry, an illuminated directory in accordance with Fire Department standards. The directory sign shall consist of the following:

- (1) A plot plan showing private drives.
- (2) Access roads.
- (3) Building location(s) with individual numbers and addresses.
- (4) Fire hydrant locations.
- (5) Name of the complex.
- (6) A reference point on the plot plan indicating the location of the directory.
- (7) A north direction indicator.
- (8) Key box location.
- (9) Hazardous materials information and storage location(s).

(G) All numbering shall be in sequence as approved by the Planning and Fire Departments.

(H) The developer or property owner shall submit to the Fire Department and Building Department detailed plans for review and approval, showing size, materials, method of construction, electrical components and wiring diagram, and location of the installation.

§ 8.17 BURNING.

Section 307 of the International Fire Code is amended in the following respects.

The Fire Chief, Air Pollution Control Officer, or their authorized representative is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued, if he or she determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, or if the open burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

The Fire Chief is authorized to enforce a ban on all open burning during periods of critical fire danger.

(A) *Open burning/residential.*

(1) Residential open burning, including without limitation burn barrels, is prohibited within the City of Red Bluff at all times.

(2) The following exceptions apply to the ban on residential open burning:

(a) Fire used for the cooking of food products for human consumption within an appropriate barbecue on public or private property.

(b) Fires permitted in paragraph (B) "Land clearing" or paragraph (C) "Special events" below.

(c) Portable manufactured outdoor fireplaces may be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or within 15 feet any combustible materials. Only small twigs, sticks, or properly-sized natural wood (approved by the AHJ) shall be used. These portable outdoor fireplaces shall only be used on private property in which the person burning has the burden of proof they have permission to be on the property. Outdoor fireplaces shall be continuously attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher, complying with § 906 of the California Fire Code, with a minimum of a 4-A rating, or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as water barrels of no less than five gallons or water hoses, shall be available for immediate utilization. If the fire escapes, that person will be held liable for damages and/or suppression costs. At any time, the Fire Chief and/or their representative reserves the right to determine the fire a nuisance and have it extinguished.

(B) *Land clearing.*

(1) A land clearing permit must be obtained first from Tehama County Air Pollution Control and then from Red Bluff Fire Department.

(2) A water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at the open burning site.

(3) The burning site shall be attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment required by this section. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

(C) *Special events.* Special event burning is authorized when a permit is obtained for a warming fire or cooking with the following criteria:

(1) Pit location must be inspected prior to digging;

(2) Twenty-foot clearance of all vegetation around the pit;

(3) There must be at least one adult in actual attendance with water, garden hose, shovel, or other fire-extinguishing equipment on hand at all times;

(4) The pit must have a wire-mesh top;

(5) Only wood or barbecue charcoal can be burned in the pit.

(D) With the prior written approval of the Fire Chief and the Air Pollution Control Officer, or their authorized representative(s), fires set to instruct or train public or industrial employees in methods of firefighting are permitted.

§ 8.18 FIREWORKS.

The California Fire Code is amended and changed in the following respects. There is added to Chapter 56, the following:

Safe and Sane fireworks, bearing the seal of approval of the State Fire Marshal's Office, are authorized to be sold; provided that a permit is first obtained from the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief may only issue five permits, permitting the sale of fireworks.

📖 § 8.19 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.

The California Fire Code is amended and changed in the following respects. There is added to Chapter 50, the following:

Added to § 5003.3.1.4:

The Fire Department is authorized to clean up or abate the effects of any hazardous material deposited upon or into property of facilities within the city, and any person or persons who intentionally or negligently cause such deposit, or have ownership in the land upon which the deposit is located, shall be liable for the payment of all costs incurred by the Fire Department as a result of the cleanup or abatement activity. The remedy provided by this section shall be in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

Added to § 2702, Definitions:

For the purpose of this section, “hazardous materials” shall be defined as any substances or materials in a quantity or from which, in the determination of the Fire Chief or his or her authorized representative, poses an unreasonable and imminent risk to the life, health or safety of persons or property, or to the ecological balance of the environment, and shall include, but not limited to, substances and explosives, radioactive materials, petroleum or petroleum products or gases, poisons, etiologic (biologic) agents, flammables and corrosives.

For the purposes of this section, “costs incurred by the Fire Department” shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to the following: actual labor costs of city personnel, either for actual clean up or standby time at the scene of the deposit, including worker’s compensation benefits, fringe benefits, administrative overhead; cost of equipment operation, cost of materials obtained directly by the city; and costs of any contract labor and materials.

📖 § 8.20 WEED ABATEMENT.

The International Fire Code is amended in the following respects. In case of conflict between this section and the International Fire Code, **the more restrictive section shall prevail and be used.** There is added to § 304.1.2, the following:

(A) *General.* Persons owning, leasing, renting, in legal control of the property; and operating or maintaining buildings or structures in, upon or adjoining hazardous fire areas; and persons owning, leasing or controlling land adjacent to such buildings or structures, shall at all times maintain an effective firebreak, as stipulated in this code. When property lines are adjacent to roadways, the hazard shall be cleared to the center of the roadway.

(B) *Definitions.* The following words and phrases, with this code, shall be defined as follows:

(1) Compost Pile: A mixture of decayed organic matter (pine needles, leaves, grass clippings and the like) compiled together with the intention to convert compost to fertilizer.

(2) Continuous Fuel: Combustible vegetation, whether living or dead, that is adjacent to other similar vegetation without a break.

(3) Debris: Waste matter, dry grass, dead trees, cut limbs or branches, piles of pine needles or leaves that, when dry, may become a fire hazard.

(4) Developed Lot: Structure(s) present on property.

(5) Fire Hazard: Anything or act that increases or may cause an increase of the hazard or menace of fire or explosion, to a degree greater than that customarily recognized as normal by persons in the public service of preventing, suppressing or extinguishing fires; or that may obstruct, delay or hinder, or may become the cause of an obstruction, delay or hindrance, or may become the cause of an obstruction, delay or hindrance to, the prevention, suppression or extinguishment of the fire.

(6) Lot: All land within the property lines set forth in the assessor's parcel map or as established by a recorded map or record.

(7) Mowing: To cut with a scythe or machine.

(8) Pasture: Land used actively for the grazing of livestock.

(9) Rubble: Any rubble, residue, structure, or part or portions of a structure, remaining after fire damage to, or the demolition or partial demolition of, any building or structure in the city.

(10) Vacant Lot: Void of any structures.

(11) Weed: A plant that is not valued where it is growing; when dry, it presents a significant fire hazard to property and structures.

(C) *Abatement of hazard.* Clearance of rubble, brush or vegetative growth from vacant and developed lots:

(1) A cleared space around all buildings, a minimum of 30-feet wide. The Fire Chief may require cleared space to be larger if a potential fire hazard exists.

(2) A cleared space (firebreak), a minimum of 50-feet wide, completely around the perimeter of the property to the street or sidewalk; and cross-breaks, a minimum of 30-feet wide, a maximum of every 50 feet. The Fire Chief may require cleared space to be larger if a potential fire hazard exists.

(3) A cleared space extending a minimum of 30-feet beyond the foliage of any group of trees. The Fire Chief may require cleared space to be larger if a potential fire hazard exists.

(4) All weeds, debris and rubble that could be expected to burn, or may cause a life or safety hazard, must be removed from the entire vacant or developed lot.

(D) *Pasture and vacant/developed Greenbelt areas.* Pasture and Greenbelt areas shall be assessed on an individual basis, taking into consideration all community environmental hazard controls effecting types of vegetation, fuel load of the property, soil erosion, and the potential for that area to present a fire hazard to other properties.

(E) *Annual publication of notice.* The Fire Chief shall cause to be published two notices in the *Red Bluff Daily News*, between April 1 and May 1 of each year, which notices shall in each publication provide as follows:

Notice to all owners of land in the city limits of the City of Red Bluff to remove or destroy all weeds, debris and rubble thereon prior to June 1st.

Delinquent parcels shall be mitigated to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief or his or her representatives, by city personnel or contractor, at the expense of the owner whose real property is assessed on the last equalized assessment roll.

(F) *Notice to cut and remove weeds, debris and rubble.* In the event the person or persons owning, occupying, renting, managing or controlling any real property in the city shall fail to remove therefrom, and from the portions of streets adjoining such property, all weeds, debris and rubble in accordance with the provisions of this part, it shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or his or her authorized representatives to notify the person or persons to remove the same within ten days.

Such notice shall be in writing or printed, and shall be dated. The Fire Chief or his/her representative shall mail written notices in substantially the same form as provided herein, except that the Fire Chief or his or her authorized representative shall sign said notice that is to be mailed to the owner whose real property is assessed on the last equalized assessment roll, and it shall be mailed to the address shown on the last assessment roll.

Before the end of the period to comply mentioned in the notice, the owner, if he or she has any objection thereto, may file a protest in writing with the City Clerk, setting forth the legal and factual reasons on which the objection to the notice or proposed removal or destruction is based.

If, at the end of the period to comply mentioned in the notice, the owner has failed to comply with the notice, and if he or she has failed to file a written protest with the City Clerk, the property owner will incur inspection fees weekly until the property is mitigated. Inspection of the property will not take place more than once per week. Should the fire department have personnel and funds available, the hazard could be mitigated by city personnel or a weed abatement contractor, at the expense of the owner whose real property is assessed on the last equalized assessment roll, and it shall be mailed to the address shown on the last assessment roll. Failure to pay the mitigation expenses shall result in a lien for applicable abatement costs on said property.

If written protest is filed with the City Clerk, and if the City Clerk or the Fire Chief believes the protest to be without merit, then the written protest shall be referred to the City Council for a hearing and a decision thereon.

The City Council may hear the protest at a regular or special meeting, and the City Clerk shall mail to the address on the last assessment roll, at least seven days before the hearing, a notice of the date and time of the hearing before the City Council, to the owner who has filed a written protest of the proposed removal.

If the City Council finds the written protest and the oral testimony, if any, to be without merit and overrules the protest, then the City Clerk shall mail to the owner, at the address on the last assessment roll, a notice giving the substance of the decision of the City Council; and then if the owner does not, at his or her own expense, make the removal within five days thereafter, the hazard shall be mitigated by city personnel or a weed contractor, at the expense of the owner whose real property is assessed on the last equalized assessment roll, and it shall be mailed to the address shown on the last assessment roll. Failure to pay the mitigation expenses shall result in a lien for applicable abatement costs on said property.

Form of violation notice. The heading of the notice to be given by the Fire Chief or his or her authorized representative shall be “notice to destroy or remove weeds, debris and rubble”, and the notice shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE TO DESTROY OR REMOVE WEEDS, DEBRIS AND RUBBLE

10-Day Notice

On April 1st, a weed abatement letter was sent out as a reminder to property owners to mitigate fire hazards by June 1st. There were also two notifications posted in the local newspaper of the requirement.

Notice is now hereby given that the noxious and dangerous weeds of a seasonal and recurrent nature are growing on or in front of this property, or the debris or rubble upon this property, constitute a public nuisance which must be abated within **ten (10)** days of the date hereof by the destruction or removal of said weeds, removal of said debris or rubble. **Upon your failure to comply with this notice, you will be charged the current fire inspection fee on a weekly basis until the property is mitigated, and it shall be mailed to the address shown on the last assessment roll. Failure to pay the inspection fee(s) shall result in the fee(s) going to collections.** If a fire occurs on your property prior to abatement, you can be held responsible for all fire suppression costs.

A brief description of the material to be removed is as follows:

(description of violation)

If you object to this proposed destruction and removal of weeds, debris or rubble, you are hereby notified to file with the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the date hereof a written protest setting forth the legal and factual reasons upon which the objection is based.

A brief official or City assessment description of the premises is as follows:

A.P. #(parcel number) (address)

Dated:

Fire Prevention Bureau

City of Red Bluff

(G) *Entry to abate.* The Fire Chief, his or her authorized representative or independent contractor, city employees or another public official designated by the City Council may, at reasonable hours, enter upon private property to perform the duties imposed by this article, following failure to comply by the owner following the notice given pursuant to division (F).

(H) *Lien.* Upon completion of the work of destruction or removal of weeds, debris or rubble by the city, the Fire Chief shall notify the City Clerk that the work has been completed and shall, in writing, inform the City Clerk of the cost of performing the same. The City Clerk shall, in turn, notify the owner of the real property, in writing, of the cost of the work. If the owner fails or refuses to pay to the city the amount of cost of the work within a period of 30 days from the date of the notice, then the City Clerk shall record, in a book to be kept for that purpose: the name of the owner of the property, a description of the property sufficient for identification, and the amount of the charges against said real property sufficient for identification, and the amount of the charges against said real property for doing the work, removal or destruction of weeds, debris or rubble from the property. From and after the date that the entry is so made, the amount charged against the real property, which amount shall include the cost of administration, removing, transporting and depositing the weeds, debris or rubble from the real property, including from the property line thereof to the center of roadway, shall constitute a special assessment against the real property, which has been described in the posted notice, and shall be a lien against the real property, and the amount of the special assessment shall be added to the next regular bill for taxes levied against said real property for municipal purposes.

(I) *Collection.* The amount of the assessment shall be collected at the time and in the manner ordinary municipal taxes are collected. If delinquent, the amount is subject to the same penalties and the same procedure of foreclosure and sale provided for in ordinary municipal taxes.

(J) *Refunds.* The City Council may order refunded all or part of a special assessment paid pursuant to this article, if it finds that all or part of the special assessment has been erroneously levied. A special assessment or portion thereof shall not be refunded unless a claim is filed with the City Clerk on or before March 1 after the special assessment became due and payable. The claim shall be verified by the owner who paid the tax, or his or her guardian, executor, administrator, assignee or successor in interest.