



- 1. Identify- vacant parcels
- 2. Reduce- weeds and hazardous vegetation
- 3. Provide- property owners' time to abate
- **4. Record-** parcels that have not met standards
- **5. Abate-** non-compliant properties
- **6. Recover-** cost for if city abates





## Abatement Hazards

- Annual Grasses and brush adjacent to structures
- Removal of dead vegetation
- Removal of trash rubbish and debris
- Tree trimming





## Abatement Standards Link

- All weeds, grass, brush, or other combustible vegetation shall be completely cleared on all parcels that are less than five (5) acres in size.
- Disking is the preferred method. Disking must fully turn over the soil to adequately bury the weeds/vegetation or the material shall be removed.
- Mowing or weed whacking may be acceptable, however, the use of such method(s) must have PRIOR APPROVAL from this office (be advised, property that is mowed may be subject to substantial regrowth and require additional abatement).
- Trees shall be trimmed so that there are no dead or overgrown branches within eight feet (8') from the ground. Trees less than twenty-four feet (24') shall be trimmed up 1/3 of the total height of the tree.

## **Inspections & Notice Deployment:**



- 1. Courtesy notice
- 2. Initial inspection
- 3. Reinspection
- 4. Final inspection
  - If no progress has been made, parcel will be reviewed, hazard case verified and sent to City Contractor for abatement





- Ownership Verified- Once owner information is verified through a third-party title company; a list of parcels is provided to the City's Contractor for abatement
- Abatement Documented- The abatement contractor provides before and after photos documenting all work performed that are verified prior to payment and invoicing
- Non-Compliance Letter- Following the abatement parcel owners will receive a Non-Compliance Letter (filed with County) informing of abatement performed
- Statement of Cost Letter is sent to property owner to recover the cost of fees accumulated through the City's Contractors for abatement
- Assessment Approval- Council date is included in Statement of Cost to provide parcel owners the opportunity to dispute assessed fees







