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HEADLINE: Weed Abatement Enforcement Actions

The City is now utilizing their administrative citation remedies process in addition to the 10-day abatement notification for properties with repeat weed violations.

The Weed Abatement Program is under the Code Enforcement Section located at the Permit Center. The program is committed to promote and enhance the image of the city, protect and preserve the integrity of public's life, health and safety through the prevention or abatement of noxious or overgrown weeds. International Property Maintenance Code, IPMC 302.4 Weeds and Salinas City code, SCC14-22 Weeds Prohibited.

The City is asking the public for assistance in keeping our neighborhoods safe and maintaining the value of properties adjacent to vacant residential properties. The following are important steps to take when problem properties have been identified with overgrown weeds:

1. Look for a Realty sign and call the number immediately to let them know of the problem. Many times, they can address the problem without having to use City resources.
2. Contact Code Enforcement's **Weed Abatement** Section at **(831) 758-7119** and have the address of the property available.
3. If there is ongoing trespassing, vandalism or other such criminal activity, call 911.

Avoid Code Violations:

1. Do not allow any overgrown noxious or dangerous weeds to stand or remain upon your property or upon any street or sidewalk in front of your property.

City Enforcement Actions for First Time Violations:

1. A notice of violation will be mailed to the owner on record and 7 days to comply.
2. If non compliant after 7 days, a 10-Day Abatement Notice will be sent to the owner on record.
3. If non-compliant after 10 days, the overgrown weeds will be abated and the owner on record will be billed for the services.

City Enforcement Actions for Repeat Violations:

1. An Administrative Citation of \$100, \$200 or \$500 will be issued to the owner on record along with a 10-Day abatement Notice.
2. If non-compliant after 10 days, the overgrown weeds will be abated and the owner on record will be billed for the services.

If the overgrown weeds attain such a large growth as to become a fire hazard, the owner could be subject to additional enforcement or penalties from the Fire Department.