



## Land Use Services Department Fire Hazard Abatement

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### San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatement Process Summary

- Initial property surveys are conducted throughout the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County and contract cities.
- A Notice and Order to Abate is issued to properties where fire hazards have been identified. There is a 10 or 30 day timeframe to comply.
- A property owner may appeal the Notice and Order to Abate within the 10 or 30 day compliance timeframe. There is a \$236.00 filing fee to appeal, which is refunded only if the appeal is successful.
- A second survey is conducted after the Notice and Order to Abate compliance due date.
- Non-compliant properties are issued an Administrative Citation (\$100.00 per violation) following the second property survey. The Administrative Citation is mailed to the property owner prior to any other bills or invoices. The citation may be appealed up to 20 days after the citation issuance.
- Property owners of the non-compliant properties are allowed 7 days from the citation mailing date to abate the remaining fire hazards and submit photographic evidence of the completed abatement.
- The County will initiate action to abate fire hazards on the remaining non-compliant parcels.
- An abatement warrant will be obtained if abatement is required on parcels with structures. The administrative cost of \$226.00 for warrant procurement and service is billed to the property owner.
- A work order is assigned to the County approved contractor to abate the fire hazards on the non-compliant properties. The contractor completes the abatement and the property owner is billed for the work.
- An abatement invoice is generated and sent to the property owner of the non-compliant property for all or some of these aforementioned costs including: Inspection fee, Warrant fee, and County contractor abatement cost.
- A property owner may appeal the invoice up to 60 days from the billing date. There is an Appeal filing fee which is refunded only if the appellant is successful in having all invoiced fees rescinded.
- After 60 days of non-payment of the invoice a \$25.00 late fee is assessed and a lien may also be placed on the property with a \$160.00 lien release fee.

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