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Spring Cleaning In The City Of Alturas

It's Spring Time again in Alturas and we would like to remind you that all potential fire hazards such as grass, weeds, trash, rubble, and other debris must be removed from all properties within the city limits; **this includes alleyways**. The City of Alturas Fire Department along with City of Alturas Police and City of Alturas Public Works Department will be working on clearing **ALL** city owned alleyways in the City of Alturas. So we are asking the residents of Alturas to remove their personal property from all alleyways. Otherwise it will be disposed of. This letter is to remind you that mitigation of these hazards shall be completed by **June 1, 2021**.

This single notice shall serve as a reminder for any and all parcels you may own within the City of Alturas. If your property, or properties, meet or exceed current weed abatement standards as set forth by the City of Alturas Code, consider this a **THANK YOU** for doing your part to safeguard our community from the risk of the fire dangers in our everyday lives.

After June 1, 2021, property owners who have not complied with this request **will receive a 15 day notice to comply**. Any properties not in compliance at the end of this time period **will incur the Administrative Penalty** for each weekly inspection until completed to City Standards.

Sec. 10-64. Administrative Penalty.

Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this Code, unless provision is otherwise made in this Code, shall be punishable upon a first violation by an administrative penalty of not more than \$150.00, and the person shall have seven calendar days to abate the declared fire hazard. If abatement does not occur within seven days the penalty for a second violation within one year shall be an administrative penalty of not more than \$300.00, and the person shall have seven calendar days to abate the declared fire hazard from date of the second violation. If the person fails to abate the declared fire hazard after the seven day period after the second violation the administrative penalty for the third or any subsequent violation within a period of one year from the first violation shall be a fine of not more than \$600.00 and the person shall have seven days to abate the declared fire hazard from the date of the last violation. In addition, after the first violation if the fire hazard is not abated within seven days, a lien under Section 10.67 may be placed on real property after the first violation in addition to the additional penalties for the second and any additional violations during the year after the first violation.

Again, we would like to emphasize that if your property meets or exceeds current standards, please consider this letter a **THANK YOU** for your help in reducing fire hazards.

City Of Alturas Weed Abatement Standards

The following Weed Abatement Standards are designed to assist firefighting efforts by slowing the spread of fire. The Alturas City Fire Department has the final decision in determining whether an area is "safe from the spread of fire" and conforms to the "intent of the code".

Weeds, grass, or other combustible growth may be abated by mowing, disking, or scraping. If mowed, the combustible growth must be cut and maintained at a height that would not constitute a fire hazard.

REMOVAL OF Grass, Weeds, Trash, Rubble, Debris AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH

1. All Properties:

- (a) Mow or disk space around all buildings 20 feet wide at minimum.
- (b) Mow or disk space 20 feet wide minimum completely around the perimeter of the property to the street or sidewalk. (Property can be completely mowed or disked in lieu of giving a fire break)
- (c) Mow or disk space extending 20 feet minimum beyond the foliage of any group of trees.
- (d) All rubbish, trash, trimmings, rubble or litter shall be removed from the property.
- (e) All woods, fuel, or lumber shall be neatly stacked or removed from the property.
- (f) All weeds, grass, or other combustible growth shall be cleared at least 20 feet from around any combustible storage.
- (g) Mow or disk space may be required to be larger if a potential fire hazard exists.

2. Burn Permits:

Burn Permits may be approved on a case-by-case basis to burn brush due to cleanup of property. Contact the Fire Marshal for details.

AS PER STATE LAW, BURN BARRELS are prohibited within the Alturas City Limits.

FIRE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED: Call (530) 233-4500 to acquire a permit. Fees for permit are \$10.00 for the year. .

Fire Permits are for burning of natural vegetation such as cut weeds, cut grass, cut brush, leaves, and tree trimmings no larger than 2” inches in diameter and unprocessed lumber.

NO OTHER MATERIALS ARE ALLOWED TO BE BURNED.

BURNING HOURS ARE FROM 6:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 ALL YEAR ROUND.

These hours are in effect 365 days a year... The fire is to be dead out at 12:00pm (**noon**) and not allowed to smolder. Inspection of the site and material to be burned is required before a permit is issued.

No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe. Permits may be suspended at any time due to extreme weather conditions or other

Hazardous conditions.

- ✓ **Maximum pile size is four (4) feet in diameter.**
- ✓ **An area of ten (10) feet surrounding the outer edge of the burn pile must be free and clear of all flammable materials and vegetation.**
- ✓ **An adult must be in attendance with a shovel until fire is dead out.**
- ✓ **Water supply must be present at burn site at all times.**
- ✓ **No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.**
- ✓ **If you have any questions or concerns PLEASE call the City Of Alturas Fire Department at (530)233-4500**

If there is an emergency Please dial 911