



**The Fairways at Fieldcreek Ranch**  
Homeowners Association, Inc.

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE  
WEED ABATEMENT POLICY**

Amended June 29, 2015

Due to the two devastating fires that recently spread near our neighborhood, the Association has enacted a policy on weed abatement to reduce the threat of fires involving our community.

The Architectural Committee and the Board of Directors adopts the recommendations of the Living with Fire program for Fire Adapted Communities applicable to vacant lots and those un-landscaped portions of existing lots:

- Remove all brush and vegetation (grasses and weeds) within 10 feet of all property lines.
- Remove all dead and dying vegetation.
- Remove other sagebrush and bushes as needed to create a separation between them of two times the height of surrounding bushes. For example, if the bush or sagebrush is 3 feet tall, the surrounding brush needs to be at least 6 feet from it. This standard is used to reduce the fuel loading, thereby reducing the BTUs that cause fire spread.
- All weed abatement work is to be completed annually by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder Notices will be issued to vacant lot owners in the spring.

Please see the *Fire Adapted Communities – The Next Step in Wildfire Preparedness (Washoe County Version)* document for further details: [Fire Adapted Communities: The Next Step in Wildfire Preparedness \(livingwithfire.com\)](http://livingwithfire.com)

We will advise lot owners each year when to begin removing weeds and grasses. This process needs to happen after the grasses and weeds fully bloom or they will return and need to be cut a second time.

Thank you for helping us to create a fire-safe community!

*This policy was duly adopted by the action of the Architectural Committee on November 20, 2012 and the Board of Directors on December 10, 2012. It was amended at the Board of Directors meeting on June 29, 2015. It shall be effective as of August 1, 2015 and replaces all previous versions.*

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