Fairways

FIRE HAZARD AND WEED REMOVAL NOTICE 2022

With the hot summer weather arriving rapidly, we would like to remind homeowners the importance of weed removal. The weeds and grasses create a particularly dangerous condition for fires in our community as they are lower to the ground and aid in fires moving rapidly, as they are extremely combustible. Add in the high winds that we experience on the eastern side of the Sierras, along with the dead sagebrush from years of drought and we have a condition that is very conducive to the rapid spread of fire.

There have been several examples of how quickly fires can spread and their tragic results in and around our community over the last few years. We do not want that to happen as a result of a fire occurring in our community.

The Fairways Weed Abatement Policy was taken from recommendations from the policy on "Fire Adaptive Communities" developed by the University of Nevada, in cooperation with Nevada Fire Agencies. In following those guidelines set out in our Weed Abatement Policy it assures our community can be spared from a devastating fire, not only from within our community, but one that could spread to our community. We have attached the policy for your convenience.

We ask you to take immediate action to remove all weeds, grasses and dead brush from your yards and lots to eliminate the threat of a tragic fire occurring in our community. Please review our Weed Abatement Policy that is attached, so that you have the requirements necessary to keep all of us safe in our community.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Redinger at Kenyon and Associates by email: jeannie@kenyonandassociates.com

The Fairways at Fieldcreek Ranch

A Common Interest Community

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE
WEED ABATEMENT POLICY

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.

Please see the *Fire Adapted Communities – The Next Step in Wildfire Preparedness (Washoe County Version)* document for further details:
http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/nr/2010/sp1010.pdf

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 shall be effective as of February 1, 2013 and replaces all previous versions. Attested by: Mike Vonada, President Fairways at Fieldcreek Ranch HOA	Property Manager: **KENYON & ASSOCIATES, INC.** **645 Sierra Rose Drive #104** **Reno, Nevada 89511**

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