

Nevada County Office of Emergency Services

Nevada County Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance modifications (May 12th 2020)



Nevada County Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance Modifications (2020)

- Removed reference to “CAL FIRE and local fire protection districts” being best suited and equipped to implement this article (*Sec. G-IV 7.1 Findings*)
- Removed the requirement to “Mosaic all stands of brush” from the definition of “Fuel Modification Area” (*Sec. 7.3 (K)(3) Definitions*)



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- Consolidated sub-sections 1, 3 & 5 of Nuisance Declared to all be under (1) sub-section (*Sec G-IV 7.4 (C)(1) Nuisance Declared; Duty to Abate Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Material*)
- Added language that only climbing vines and ladder fuels within the “Defensible Space area” around Structures must be abated (*Sec. G-IV 7.4 (5)(8) Nuisance Declared*)
- Added clarifying language expressly allowing self-initiated inspections by DSI’s (*Sec. G-IV 7.5 (C) Enforcement*)



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- Modified requirement to send out notices from Certified Mail to 1st class mail. Previous requirement was costly and unnecessary (Sec. G-IV 7.7 (A) Service of Notice to Abate)
- Added clarifying language regarding filing an appeal within ten (10) “calendar” days of the Notice to Abate (Sec. G-IV 7.9 (A) Appeals Process)
- Added that unavailability of an attorney does not constitute “good cause” for appeal hearing continuance (Sec. G-IV 7.9 (C) Appeals Process)



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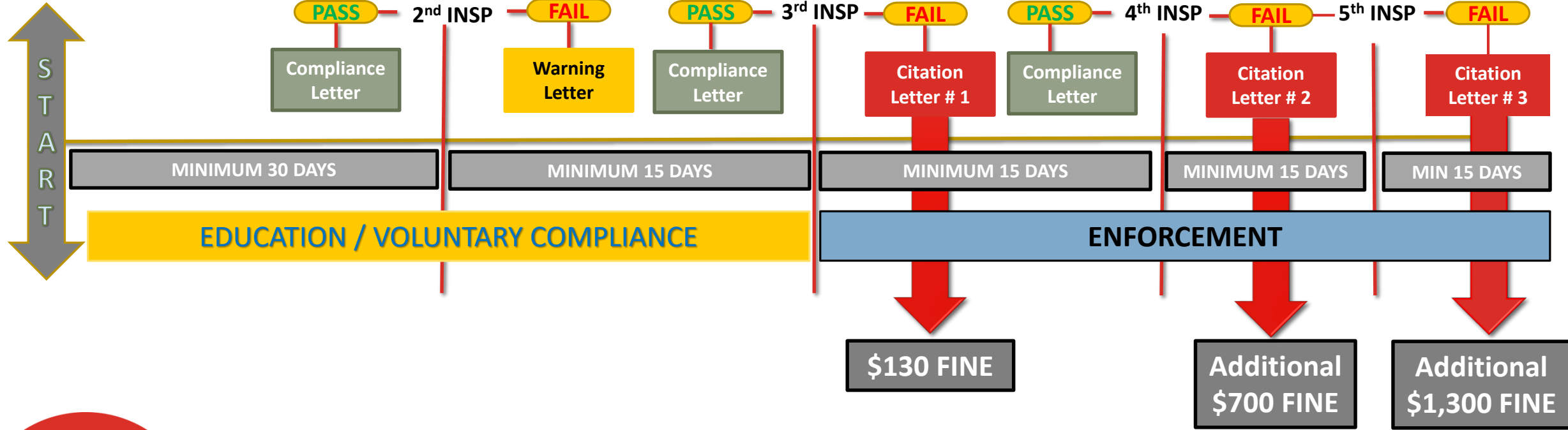
- Removed language that was contradictory regarding the fine schedule (Sec. G-IV 7.16 (F)(1) Penalties for Violations)



County of Nevada's Hazardous Vegetation Reduction Program

TIMELINE FOR PROCESSING HAZARDOUS VEGETATION CASES

1ST Inspection
"Notice to Abate"



RECOMMENDATION

- Approve Ordinance amending Article 7 of Chapter IV of the General Code: Hazardous Vegetation Abatement

