

Information Services

ArcGIS in Code Enforcement: Streamlining the Fire Abatement Citation Process

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Fire Hazard Abatement in San Bernardino County

- Fires are a serious problem in Southern California. In an effort to reduce the threat of wild fires, the County has a Fire Hazard Abatement Program whose primary function is to reduce the risk of fires within communities by pro-actively establishing defensible space and reduction/removal of flammable materials on properties.
- The Fire Hazard Abatement Program conducts surveys to identify fire hazards. Valley and desert areas get 2 surveys per year during early spring and early fall while mountain gets 1 survey in the summer. 400,000 parcels are surveyed per year.
- The surveys were completed using pen and assessor books. This process was automated using survey 123, Collector and Python.





Previous Process

Assessor Book



Previous Notice



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LAND USE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FIRE HAZARD ABATEVENT DIVISION 380 NORTH ARROWHEAD AVENUE, FIRST FLOOR, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-9155

NOTICE AND ORDER TO ABATE Date Mailed: 10/16/2018



As Authorized by the CITY OF YUCAIPA, staff from the San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatament Program have inspectived like above referenced property on 9/13/2018 and found that there are conditions (listed below) in the subject property that constitute a line hazard in invitation of Title 2, Division 3, Chapted 3 of the San Bernarcino County Code.

Pursuant to San Bernardino County Code § 23.0301, It is your duty as the property owner to abate the fire hazards listed below

- Fire Hazards:
- (a) 23.0302(b)(2) Woods/Grasses over four (4) inches

Location

- (a) Near structure
- (b) Vacant portions/un-improved portions of property
- (c) Fence lines and/or property boundaries

Please see the attached Detailed Fire Hazard Abatement Inspection Report for your parcel.

If the fire nazards listed above are not removed by **1117/2018**, you may receive an Administrative Calcilor and the fire hazards may be abated by the County of San Bernardino with the cost of abatement and all related nosts billed to you as the property owner. These costs can be significant. Should you abate these fire hazards after **11117/2018**, you may be billed for costs related to the scheduling of abatement by the County and the additional inspections required to confirm that the fire hazards have been abated.

If all fines, 'sees, and costs associated with failing to abate the fire hazard's listed above are not paid within 60 days of billing, the County of San Bernardino will file a liem with the County Recorder against the property and place the amounts of unpoid lines, lees, and abatement costs as a special assessment on the property lax roll.

Pursuant to San Bernardino County Code § 23.0310; you may appeal this Notice and Order to Abate to the Fire Hazard Abatement Board of Appeals. If you wish to appeal, contract the Fire Hazard Abatement Program at 909-884-4056 to request in appeal form, or you can accouse the form at the vecesite: <u>http://one.sboaruty.cov/us/ihrefravard.batement/Forms/Publications.sax</u>. The completed appeal form and the accompanying filing fee must be submitted by 11/17/2018.

Failure to prevent the re-establishment of any of the fire hazards listed above prior to 02/15/2018 may result in the County of San Benrardino abating the fire hazards without additional notification. Failure to maintain this property free of fire hazards at all times for 12 months from the date of this notice can also result in the issuance of administrative citations and 1 or civil or criminal prosecution without additional notification.





New Process

Field App



New Notice



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> Land Use Services Department Code Enforcement / Fire Hazard Abatement NOTICE AND ORDER TO ABATE

DATE MAILED: 04/12/19

COMPLIANCE DATE: 05/14/19

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RE: Address: APN:

Your assistance is required in the abating of the fire hazards listed in this notice by the compliance date shown above. The abatement of these hazards will create defensible space on your property, which is critical to maintaining the fire safety of your property, neighboring properties, and - most importantly - protecting the lives of the people that will be called on to defend your neighboring the event of a wildfire.

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Inspection Date: 04-03-2019 Fire Hazard:

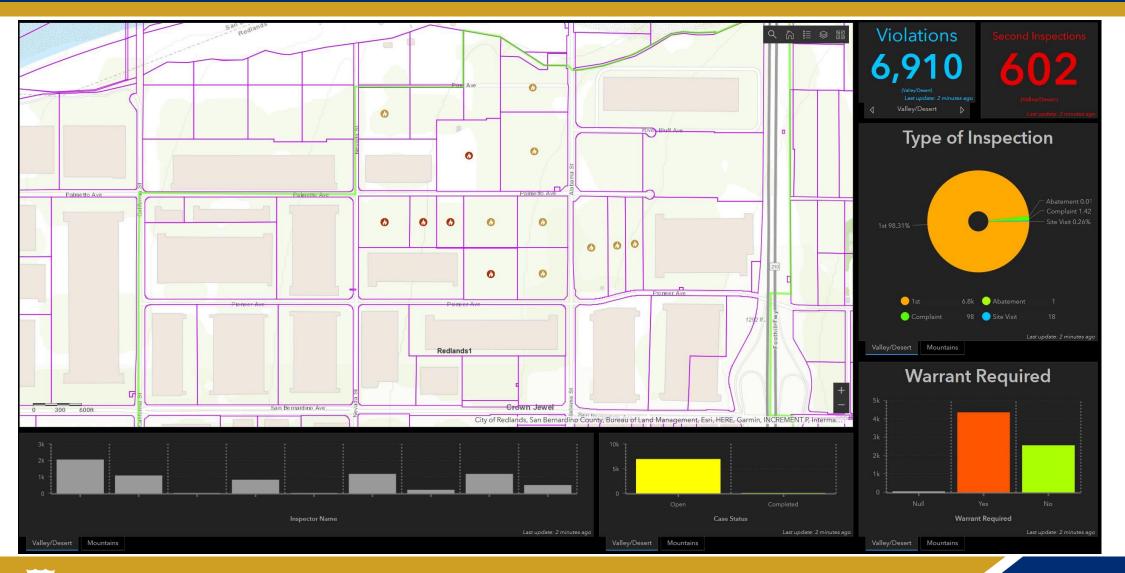
Location: Reference Photo

Fire Hazard Corrective Action:

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Common Operating Picture



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Benefits

- Faster completion of surveys in the field.
- Inspection completion to notice generation now takes 50% of the time it used to take.
- Thanks to the inclusion of photos, fewer calls to the FHA office with inquiries for clarification on the violation.
- More time spent educating citizens on prevention and preparedness





Next Steps

- Use the same principles in other code enforcement workflows.
- Incorporate other Esri technologies such as Workforce for ArcGIS.





Thank You. Questions?



