



SIERRA SPRINGS
Regional Fire Safe Council

"To keep Sierra Springs and its neighboring communities fire free and fire safe through education, fire prevention activities and emergency response planning"

February 13, 2020

June 1, 2020
El Dorado County Ordinance #5101 &
Sierra Springs Owners Association Fire Safety Prevention Rules Deadline

Dear Sierra Springs Owner(s),

June 1, 2020 is El Dorado County's deadline for property owners to comply with El Dorado County Ordinance #5101. **June 1, 2020** is also the Sierra Springs Owners Association's (SSOA) deadline for the following three items:

1. El Dorado County Ordinance #5101 took effect on May 30, 2019. The ordinance is available online at www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement/Documents. Copies of the ordinance are also available at the SSOA lodge.
2. Items A - O on the enclosed Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council (SSRFSC) Defensible Space Evaluation form. These requirements are based on law as referenced on the evaluation form.
3. Items P - Q on the enclosed SSRFSC evaluation form. These requirements reflect the SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules. If the property does not meet the criteria of Items P & Q, the owner must (a) have an approved SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Compliance Plan filed with the SSOA and, (b) have a letter from the SSRFSC stating the plan has been approved. An acceptable plan includes treatment of a minimum of 1 acre per year for Items P & Q on the enclosed evaluation form.

Please complete the enclosed Defensible Space Evaluation form to help you self evaluate your property to determine if you meet the requirements of the law and the SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules before the **June 1, 2020** deadline. Two training seminars on defensible space will be held at the SSOA lodge at 5340 Edelweiss Way on March, 25,2020 at 6:30 P.M. and on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. Representatives from the El Dorado County Fire Protection District and CALFIRE will be in attendance. Please RSVP to the SSOA Manager at (530) 644-2182 if you plan to attend one of these sessions.

On **June 2, 2020** Defensible Space Evaluators will begin defensible space evaluations in Sierra Springs. **If the requirements of the law and/or the SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules or an acceptable plan is not filed with the SSOA by the evaluation date, a hearing will be immediately scheduled with the SSOA Board of Directors to determine if disciplinary action is warranted.**

Over the last few years, the SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules have been distributed to all owners via letters, newsletters, and the SSOA website. It is the owner's responsibility to (1) understand the law and the SSOA rules, and (2) comply with the law and the SSOA rules without waiting to be told to do so. The SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules, the SSRFSC Defensible Space Evaluation, and the Fire Safety Compliance Plan are available at www.sierrasprings.org. Copies are also available at the SSOA lodge.

To facilitate clear communication between owners, the SSRFSC and the SSOA Board, please complete and return Attachment 1. Completion of this form is your opportunity to request additional information and/or clarification of the law and the SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules.

(See reverse of this page.)

Approved February 12, 2020 Board Meeting

Attachment 1 may be returned to the Sierra Springs Owners Association (SSOA) Manager, Ms. Thompson, via mail to the address or e-mail below:

MAILING ADDRESS

Sierra Springs Owners Association
4240 Sierra Springs Drive
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

E-MAIL

info@sierraspringsowners.org

The SSRFSC and the SSOA Board are available to help owners that have questions or concerns. Coordinating the June 1, 2020 El Dorado County deadline with the SSOA deadline is intended to put responsibility on the owner and reduce the number of volunteer hours required in upcoming years. Therefore, if you have questions, please ask or attend one of the two training seminars. If you have questions and are unable to attend a training seminar, please contact the SSOA Manager at (530) 644-2182 to request a meeting with a defensible space evaluator. June 1, 2020 is quickly approaching.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kay Campbell

Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council, Chair

ATTACHMENT 1

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Check the appropriate box or boxes below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	My property will meet ALL of the requirements of El Dorado County Ordinance #5101 and the Sierra Springs Owners Association (SSOA) Fire Safety Prevention Rules by June 1, 2020. My entire property meets the requirements of all items on the defensible space evaluation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My property will meet ALL of the requirements of El Dorado County Ordinance #5101 and the requirements of Items A - O on the defensible space evaluation by June 1, 2020. I do not currently meet the requirements of Items P & Q on the defensible space evaluation. I have submitted a Fire Prevention Safety Compliance Plan for Items P & Q <u>and</u> have been notified in writing that my plan is acceptable. I will notify the SSOA Manager as each acre of property is treated by June 1st of each year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My property will meet ALL of the requirements of El Dorado County Ordinance #5101 and the requirements of Items A - O on the defensible space evaluation by June 1, 2020. I do not currently meet the requirements of Items P & Q on the defensible space evaluation. Enclosed is a Fire Prevention Safety Compliance Plan for Items P & Q. The Fire Safety Compliance Plan is available at www.sierrasprings.org.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I need further explanation of the law and/or the rules. Please have an evaluator contact me.

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE: The June 1, 2020 deadline stands regardless which box is checked above. Defensible space evaluations will begin June 2, 2020.

Per El Dorado County Ordinance #5101, Section 08.09.110, C.4
'A statement that if such weeds, grasses, hazardous vegetation, waste and/or combustible materials are not removed or abated by the property owner by June 1, that such materials may be removed under authority of the County, and the costs of such removal and abatement may be made a legal charge against the owner or owners of the property, a lien imposed on and recorded against the property in the amount of such costs, and such costs referred to the County Auditor for collection together with property taxes on such property pursuant to the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 14875 through 14931, and Government Code Section 25845;'