



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

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## FIRST NOTICE

### Requirements of El Dorado County Ordinance #5101 & Sierra Springs Owners Association Fire Safety Prevention Rules

- Beginning in May 2023, Defensible Space Evaluators will begin defensible space evaluations in Sierra Springs.
- Prior to May, you are expected to either: 1) bring your property into compliance with the law and Fire Prevention Safety Rules; 2) submit a plan for your compliance; 3) be current with your previously submitted and approved plan for compliance; or 4) submit a signed vendor contract for completion of the required work.
- If the requirements of the law and/or the Sierra Springs Owners Association Fire Prevention Safety Rules (SSOA Rules) are not met by the time your property is evaluated, you will receive a Second Notice. Evaluators will be using the Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safety Council (SSRFSC) Evaluation Form (available on the website), which you may refer to for assistance in bringing your property into compliance.
- The Second Notice will include a *mandatory* completion date. The Notice will also include a hearing date with the Sierra Springs Owners Association (SSOA) Board of Directors, during which time the SSOA Board of Directors will discuss disciplinary action if: 1) the mandatory completion date has not been met; 2) an acceptable plan or proof of progress on your current plan is not provided; 3) or a newly signed vendor contract is not in place. It is normal for disciplinary action to include a \$100 monthly fine and the loss of membership privileges until acceptable compliance is met.
- Owners are expected to maintain compliance with the SSOA Rules throughout the fire season. Maintaining compliance is not a "once and done" approach. For example, cleaning your roof and gutters may need to be done weekly to comply with the law.
- Owners who fall out of compliance at any time or fail to follow-through with their plan or vendor commitment, will receive one additional Notice inviting the owner to a scheduled SSOA Board of Director's Hearing.

The SSOA Rules have been distributed to all owners via letters, newsletters, the annual mailings, new owners' welcome packets and the SSOA website. It is the owner's responsibility to 1) understand the law and the SSOA Rules, and 2) fully comply with the law and the rules.

The SSOA Rules, the SSRFSC Defensible Space Evaluation Form, and the Fire Safety Compliance Plan are available online at [www.sierraspringsowners.org](http://www.sierraspringsowners.org). Copies can be sent to those without Internet access if requested.

The SSRFSC and Evaluators are available to assist owners with questions or concerns. Contact the SSOA Manager, Shelly Thompson, at (530) 644-2182 or [info@sierraspringsowners.org](mailto:info@sierraspringsowners.org) with your questions, concerns, or for further information.

Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council