



EL DORADO COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

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"Enter Date:"

"Enter owner name:"

"Enter owner mailing address:"

"Enter owner city/state/zip:"

RE: C# "Enter Case#:"

"Enter site address:"

APN: "Enter APN#:"

Dear Property Owners:

CASE REVIEW STATUS LETTER Construction without a permit

Pursuant to the courtesy notice dated "Enter Courtesy Ltr Date:" an inspection was made at the above referenced site on "INSPECTION DATE:". The following El Dorado County Code violations were noted:

1. "VIOLATIONS:"

*Misdemeanor Violation(s): California Building Code (CBC) Sec 1.8.3.1 - Construction without a permit
County Ordinance 110.16.010 - Adopts the CBC
County Ordinance 110.16.020 C. - Violations of the provisions of the CBC are a misdemeanor.*

Due to a significant backlog of cases, the Code Enforcement Unit has been required to give priority to cases related directly to public health and safety. It has been some time since the Code Enforcement Unit has reviewed the code issue(s) at your property. Has the violation(s) been corrected? If so, please call the phone number listed below and inform the Code Enforcement Unit so an updated site visit can be arranged to clear the reported code violation. The Code Enforcement Unit strives to work cooperatively with the public to obtain compliance by applying a helpful and understanding approach. The unit wants to work with you to make sure the issue is corrected for health and safety reasons.

Failure to contact Code Enforcement, in 60 calendar days, may result in the issuance of a Notice to Correct letter and subsequent Administrative Citation with associated fines and fees. These subsequent actions can be avoided by contacting the Code Enforcement Unit within 30 days.

Once the responsible person and/or owner(s) receives an administrative citation they may make a request for an administrative hearing pursuant to the procedure set forth in section 09.02.390 of the County Code. Failure to make a timely request for an administrative hearing results in the penalty becoming final. The violation may also be referred to the District Attorney's Office for possible further action. A Notice to Correct may be recorded with the County Recorder per County Ordinance 09.02.150, if the violation(s) are not addressed within 30 days of the Notice to Correct letter (e.g. same 30 day period as discussed in the

paragraph above). A Notice to Correct is not a lien but will show up in any title search and is intended to alert and protect any prospective buyers per County Ordinance 09.02.140.

Please take the time to correct this health and safety issue immediately. You may contact the Code Enforcement Unit at (530) 621-5999 if you have any questions regarding the enforcement of the violation(s). Permit information is available at the Planning and Building Department web site at <http://www.edcgov.us/devservices>. The Placerville office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday. In the afternoon appointments are required for permit applications and issuances, and are scheduled in half hour increments from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The Tahoe lobby walk-in hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (closed Wednesday mornings) from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, weather permitting. Monday through Friday afternoons are available by appointment only from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, weather permitting. Appointments can be made by calling 530-621-5315.

Vegetation Management and Defensible Space

In addition, please be aware that the County of El Dorado has passed a vegetation management/defensible space ordinance to help make El Dorado County communities safer. The threat of wildfire has always been a factor for those of us living in the foothills and the Sierra Nevada and the limited "fire season" of years past has now grown to encompass nearly the entire calendar year. The county's diverse and complex landscape which includes mountains, forests and other brush, or grass covered wildlands has the potential to fuel a catastrophic fire event and our risk of significant wildfire is no longer bound by the month on a calendar.

In El Dorado County, since 2007, there have been major fires that have destroyed infrastructure (e.g. Angora Fire, King Fire, Sand Fire, etc.). This increased fire activity requires an increase in prevention measures to lower the community's chances of experiencing a large destructive fire.

Of paramount importance is the protection of lives and property from the threat of fire and the safety of fire and law enforcement personnel during wildfires. The vegetation management/defensible space ordinance is one strategy to help decrease the chance of a catastrophic fire.

Through studying fire prevention measures in other communities, working with local stakeholders and holding public meetings, the County developed a vegetation management/defensible space ordinance similar to CAL FIRE's defensible space laws. The vegetation management ordinance sets out the rules for an annual program for the abatement of the growth and/or accumulation of weeds, grasses, shrubs, dormant brush, hardwood slash, tree limbs, hazardous vegetation and combustible materials on all improved parcels and designated unimproved parcels within the County and maintenance of those parcels to prevent vegetation from growing back and becoming fuel for destructive fires.

The County will be communicating the new ordinance rules to the public over the next year with staff helping citizens come into compliance starting in June 2020. For information on how to complete vegetation management/make defensible space please visit the County website below. This information will provide you with some helpful hints to assist you in defending your property.

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement>

Sincerely,