

Vegetation Management Plans

420.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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This policy establishes requirements when a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) is required, the contents of a VMP to be compliant to Ordinance #129 and the 2019 California Fire Code, and that a VMP shall be considered a living document for the property it represents.

420.2 PROCEDURE

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A Vegetation Management Plan is required for any structure located in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) when upon a landscape improvement plan requires design review by the local municipality, any substantial remodel project and/or when a new home is built within this designated area. This plan shall remain in effect for the life of the property and meet the requirements of Chapter 49 of the 2019 California Fire Code. Tiburon Fire District approval and final inspection to the contents of this plan are required to be considered compliant to this requirement.

A Vegetation Management Plan is required for all structures not located in the Wildland Urban Interface when upon a landscape improvement plan requiring design review by a local municipality, any substantial remodel or a new home is built. This plan shall meet the requirements of Chapter 3, Section §304 of the 2019 California Fire Code. This plan shall be required to enter a Maintenance Agreement that shall be in effect for a period of three (3) years where it will be re-evaluated for recertification or required to be amended for compliance.

420.3 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH VMP CONTENT

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Failure to comply to the contents of a VMP in either the WUI or Non-WUI areas of the District shall result in a Notice of Violation being issued and a correction period of not less than 30 days given. If a second failure to comply with VMP contents occurs, a Pre-Citation Notice will be issued with a 15 day period to gain compliance. If a third non-compliance inspection occurs, the District will issue a citation pursuant to the Master Fee Schedule and Ordinance #129 and a 7 day correction period will be required. If, at the completion of 52 or more days, compliance to the VMP contents is not achieved, a second citation will be issued and an Administrative Hearing will be scheduled with the Fire Chief.

All fees associated for an Administrative Hearing will be required to be paid by the property owner within 5 days of the judgment issuance of the Hearing to the property owner. Failure to comply with unpaid fees, citations and further non-compliance shall result in a lien being placed on the property as per Ordinance #129.