

ORDINANCE NO. 1510

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH ADDING SECTION 12.12.004 (c) TO THE LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE ABATEMENT OF INVASIVE PLANTS

WHEREAS, there are non-native plants that have been intentionally or unintentionally planted in Laguna Beach and that grow extremely well and force out native plants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that artichoke thistle, arundo, pampas grass, fountain grass and cape ivy constitute a danger to public health and safety by creating a fire and/or flood hazard; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has declared that noxious, invasive weeds damage the integrity of riparian systems by altering erosion, flooding and fire; and

WHEREAS, artichoke thistle, arundo, pampas grass, fountain grass and cape ivy are noxious weeds within the meaning of California Food and Agriculture Code Section 5004;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 12.12.004(c) is hereby added to the Laguna Beach Municipal Code to read in its entirety as follows:

12.12.004 Maintenance of weeds or obstruction unlawful.

No person or entity, whether the same is the owner, agent, lessee, occupant or person in control of any lot or parcel of land within the city shall maintain or permit to be maintained on or in front of such premises any of the following conditions, all of which are prohibited and declared to be public nuisances:

- (a) Vegetation of any type or mounds of dirt which obstruct intersection visibility as defined in Section 12.12.002;
- (b) Weeds, rubbish or other material which:
 - (1) May become a fire hazard, or
 - (2) May provide a breeding place or refuge for rodents, insects or other vermin, or

(3) Are unsightly, or

(4) May otherwise be dangerous or injurious to neighboring property or the health or welfare of residents of the vicinity. (Ord. 974 § 1 (part), 1979).

(c) Artichoke thistle (*Cynara cardunculus*), arundo (*Arundo donax*), pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*), fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) or cape ivy (*Senecio mikanioides*–*Delairea odorata*) all of which are non-native plants that are highly invasive and injurious to native vegetation and that may be a flood or fire hazard.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2009.



Kelly Boyd, Mayor

ATTEST:



Martha Anderson, City Clerk

I, Martha Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Laguna Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on September 15, 2009 and was finally passed and adopted as an ordinance at a regular meeting of the City Council held on October 6, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): Pearson, Iseman, Rollinger, Egly, Boyd

NOES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER(S): None



City Clerk of the City of Laguna Beach, CA