

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 17-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF CHOWCHILLA, CALIFORNIA  
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE BY VIRTUE OF CERTAIN WEED  
GROWTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Chowchilla Municipal Code, Section 8.12, All weeds growing upon the streets or sidewalks or upon or in front of private property within the city which bear seeds of a wingy or downy nature or attain such a large growth as to become a fire menace when dry, or at full natural growth will attain such a large growth as to become a fire menace when dry, or which are otherwise noxious or dangerous, may be declared to be a public nuisance by the city council, and may thereafter be abated as provided in this chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, "Weeds," as used in this chapter, means and includes weeds, grass, ferns, vines and other similar natural growth other than growth ordinarily and customarily planted for decorative purposes and which has been planted for decorative purposes and is under continuing cultivation; and

**WHEREAS**, Weeds in excess of approximately six inches tall as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer will be determined to be a public nuisance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to effect timely removal of all weeds so described through the City's Weed Abatement Program, and in manner provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, if abatement does not occur during time frame prescribed, the City may choose to follow Chowchilla Municipal Code Section 8.12 lien process and/or seek Administrative fines per Ordinance 444-08.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Chowchilla hereby declares that certain weeds, as determined by the Code Enforcement Official, constitute that a public nuisance exists and the Exhibit "A" time line schedule for 2025 is attached.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Chowchilla this 25th day of March, 2025 by the following vote to wit:

**AYES:** 3 – Troost, Chavez, Smith

**NOES:** 0

**ABSENT:** 2 – Ahmed, Barragan

**ABSTAIN:** 0

APPROVED:



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Mayor Kelly Smith

ATTEST:



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Joann McClendon, CMC  
City Clerk

**Community & Economic Development Department**  
**Weed Abatement Timeline**  
**2025**

	3/25/2025	Council – Resolution per CMC Chapter 8.12 – Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance
	3/26/2025	Send Council Resolution to Newspaper for Advertising (Post on City social media site)
	3/29/2025	Abatement Declaration Advertised for 1 week <b>3/29 thru 4/4</b> (Resolution needs to be submitted Wednesday before 10:00 am to be published in the following weeks newspaper)
	3/31/2025	Begin creating list of potential properties in violation
	4/7/2025	Owners of Record Notified by LETTERS VIA MAIL
	4/9/2025	<b>PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE APRIL 12th EDITION of MADERA TRIBUNE</b>
	4/22/2025	Public Protest Hearing to Council – Authorization to Abate Weeds
	5/9/2025	Property Owners to abate by <b>May 9th</b> – Cutoff date
	5/12/2025	Non-Compliant PROPERTIES cited – <b>Need to send out citations next day</b>
	5/13/2025	City Council to approve cost of bid from contractor if city purchase policy mandates.
	5/14/2025	Coordinate ABATEMENT WITH CONTRACTOR
	5/30/2025	PROPERTY ABATEMENT in progress to be complete by May 30 <sup>th</sup>
	6/2/2025	LIST OF ABATED PROPERTIES TO FINANCE FOR BILLING
	6/16/2025	LIENS CREATED

**\*Note:** These dates are tentative due to weather and time restraints in processing. The dates may vary as much as 30 days.