



# Agenda Item

## City Council

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THRU:** Tom Kisela, City Manager

**FROM:** Sean deMetropolis, Fire Chief

### 1. SUBJECT

Agreement with The Jungle Nursery, Inc. for weed abatement services for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

### 2. SUMMARY

The Fire Department is requesting City Council approval for the renewed Professional Services Agreement between the City of Orange and The Jungle Nursery, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Fire Department weed abatement services.

### 3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the agreement with The Jungle Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$96,250 for weed abatement services; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

### 4. FISCAL IMPACT

The expense for this agreement is \$96,250 and will be funded through General Fund (100) respectively:

100.3012.51732.00000	Weed Abatement - City Lots	\$91,000
100.3012.51731.00000	Weed Abatement - Private Lots	\$5,250

### 5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Provide for a safe community

b. Provide and maintain infrastructure necessary to ensure the safety of the public.

### 6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Fire Department's mission is to "prevent or minimize the loss of life, damage to the environment, and loss of property from fire, medical emergencies, and hazardous conditions." To mitigate the risk of fires in the wildland-urban interface areas of the City, the Fire Department coordinates the clearing of dead vegetation from designated City-owned lots. A private landscape company clears over twenty City-owned lots twice a year. These lots are primarily located alongside roadways, in parks, creek beds, and open areas. Additionally, the Fire Department ensures that private property owners clear their own lots. If property owners fail to do so after multiple notices, the Fire Department will arrange for a private vendor to perform the service, and the property owner must reimburse the City for this expense.

The Jungle Nursery, Inc. has provided this service for the department since 2013, receiving the

highest RFP score based on customer service (ability to assign a lead worker to the project), previous experience, and competitive cost. During this time, the Jungle Nursery has maintained pricing for lot clearance and have only made increases “as needed” for weed spraying costs. Due to the department's high satisfaction with the vendor's service level and cost-effectiveness, the department has not found it feasible or necessary to initiate a new bidding process and is requesting that the Weed Abatement Services Agreement with this vendor be renewed for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY25). The one-year cost for the Agreement is not-to-exceed \$96,250, of which approximately \$91,000 is dedicated for weed abatement efforts on City property. In the last five years, the average annual expenditure for these services has been approximately \$74,000. However, this figure fluctuates annually based on precipitation levels and vegetation growth on City-owned parcels.

## **7. ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1: FY25 The Jungle Weed Abatement Services Agreement
- Attachment 2: FY25 Weed Abatement Services Pricing
- Attachment 3: Weed Abatement City Parcels Map