

I urge the Board to **support** Supervisor Brown's proposal and begin the process to create a Hazardous Vegetation and Rubbish Abatement Ordinance. What a great idea, and the sooner the better!

This is not just a wooly abstraction! An unpermitted and unattended wildfire recently burned up an irresponsible home owner's hillside on Deerwood Drive to within **inches** of thick, dry ladder fuels directly underneath dying pine trees surrounding wooden power poles. This sucker would have gone up like a roman candle! Only because a passing postal carrier noticed it and worked quickly with an alert neighbor to suppress this fire did they avert a major conflagration with potentially disastrous consequences. Nor has this irresponsible homeowner yet lifted a finger to reduce these clearly unsafe and hazardous conditions.

Fortunately, most neighbors get it and have worked diligently with the Fire Safe Councils to reduce hazardous fuels to an astonishing degree. A hazardous vegetation abatement ordinance would expand County fire prevention capacity while making this a safer community for all of us, including first responders and firefighters. Please support this proposal!

Thank you,

Evan Johnson