

*I support the development of a Hazardous Vegetation and Rubbish Abatement Ordinance. Our situation in Brooktrails is dire. Absentee landowners are neglecting to maintain their property against wildfire. Attempts in the past to gain compliance have largely failed. Many vacant lots are essentially abandoned with accumulated abatement and tax liens. Abatement notices from the Fire Chief are ignored. Sherwood Firewise Communities has had some success in getting landowners to sign Landowner Access Agreements that allows for neighbors to do some remedial work on vacant lots. The work is done by volunteers and some grant funding to remove material, but we need something more reliable. Some mechanism needs to be established to provide for resident's safety and adequate fuel reduction.*

*Thank you*

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