



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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### **NOTICE TO OWNERS OF PROPERTIES IN UNINCORPORATED AREA SUBJECT TO FAA REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO VEGETATION HEIGHTS**

FAA Requirements related to Watsonville Airport and Tree/Landscaping Heights

In accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements related to navigable airspace the City of Watsonville Municipal Airport (Airport) will make every reasonable effort to notify owners of certain adjacent private properties to maintain safe heights of vegetation on their properties.

Such notification may require owners to trim or remove trees/landscaping identified in a hazards assessment within a timeframe for the owners to do the work.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform all property owners that may be subject to the FAA requirement, that every property owner receiving this Notice is subject to requirements, at property owner expense, to remove and/or trim trees and landscaping in order to achieve and maintain compliance with FAA requirements.

If, in the future, a property owner does not take appropriate action and the County or its contractors must take action to abate non-compliant vegetation to address a public safety hazard, costs related to each property will be placed as a lien on the subject property so that the County will recover its costs.

As of this correspondence, the Municipal Airport has not received survey data identifying obstructions based on FAA flight checks conducted in June 2019, however this Notice is intended to make it very clear that meeting FAA requirements for tree/landscaping heights to ensure safe flight paths is a responsibility of affected private property owners. If the County is forced in the future to abate non-compliant conditions after appropriate future Notice is provided at the time action is needed, liens will be placed on properties and due and payable on property tax bills and/or at time of transfer of the property.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and responsible property ownership.

Sincerely,

Carlos Palacios  
County Administrative Officer

Kathleen Molloy  
Planning Director