



# Lake County Fire Chief's Association

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To: Mary Jane Montana  
Lake County Fire Marshal – Chief Building Official

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From: Willie Sapeta  
President – Lake County Fire Chiefs Association

Re: Defensible Space / Ordinance

There have been recent conversations within County Code Enforcement, County Board of Supervisors and the Risk Reduction JPA about Defensible Space. References in the draft documents identify 30 feet of defensible space from a structure or roadway as the standard. It also references that by discretion of the County Fire Official, that requirement can be extended up to 100 feet from buildings

State Law requires 100 feet of defensible space from a structure per the references below. On Wednesday 02-22-19 the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association members discussed this. We are asking that all County of Lake governing documents (Code, Ordinance, Regulation, etcetera) enforce State Law. In this example, the minimum requirement of defensible space around a structure shall be 100 feet. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Public Resource Code, Division 4, Part 2, Chapter 3, 4291-a-(1)  
[http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4291.&lawCode=PRC](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4291.&lawCode=PRC)

California Building Code, Chapter 7A, Section 701A, 701A.3.2.A  
[http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire\\_prevention/downloads/ICC\\_2009\\_Ch7A\\_2007\\_rev\\_1Jan09\\_Supplement.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_prevention/downloads/ICC_2009_Ch7A_2007_rev_1Jan09_Supplement.pdf)

California Government Code, TITLE 5. LOCAL AGENCIES [50001 - 57550],  
DIVISION 1. CITIES AND COUNTIES [50001 - 52203],  
PART 1. POWERS AND DUTIES COMMON TO CITIES AND COUNTIES [50001 - 51298.5], CHAPTER 6.8. Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones [51175 - 51189],  
Section 51182  
[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=1.&title=5.&part=1.&chapter=6.8.&article=](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=1.&title=5.&part=1.&chapter=6.8.&article=)

Respectfully submitted

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