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Defensive Space Incentive Program Policy:

Due to unprecedented demand for defensive space assessments, it has become necessary to require a deposit for defensive space assessments that are performed by Town staff. In some cases, in the past, defensive space assessments have been performed and then the choice is made not to carry out the Defensive space project. While owners are not required to have the recommended, defensive space work performed, it does take significant staff time to complete the field inspections and assessment reports.

A policy is being implemented to facilitate the efficient use of staff time in a way that produces a larger proportion of the defensive space assessments resulting in the completion of defensive space fire mitigation work. Therefore, a defensive space assessment deposit has been instituted.

A deposit, payable to the Town of Mountain Village, will be required in order for the Town Forester to perform a defensive space assessment for a property. If the property owner or manager decides to move forward with the defensive space work, the deposit will be fully refunded in addition to the full rebate amount associated with the Defensive Space Incentive Program (1/2 the total cost of vegetation related fire mitigation work, up to \$10,000). If the property owner/manager decides not to have the defensive space work performed, the deposit will be surrendered to cover staff time for the site visit and report preparation.

Deposits are based on the following criteria:

(The Town Forester may waive deposits during times of low demand)

Single family residential assessments and detached single family condominiums

(includes defensive zones that may extend onto neighboring or open space properties)

one half acre or less.....	\$250.00
on half acre to one acre.....	\$350.00
one to two acres.....	\$400.00
two to three acres.....	\$475.00
three to four acres.....	\$575.00
four to five acres.....	\$700.00
greater than 5 acres.....	\$150.00 per acre

Multifamily Residential, Condos, or Commercial

(includes defensive zones that may extend onto neighboring or open space properties)

one half acre or less.....	\$300.00
on half acre to one acre.....	\$400.00
one to two acres.....	\$550.00
two to three acres.....	\$625.00
three to four acres.....	\$725.00
four to five acres.....	\$950.00
greater than 5 acres.....	\$200.00 per acre

Once the assessment deposit has been paid, the Town forester will perform a sight inspection of the home and surrounding landscape on a first come, first serve basis. A home hardening/defensive space report containing fire mitigation recommendations, a tree removal permit, and scope of work prescription will then be developed and sent to the property owner or manager. If the decision is made to have the recommended vegetation work performed, the property owner/manager will hire a Mountain Village approved forester/arborist to perform the work. Once the work has been completed and the company has been paid, the owner/manager may complete an Application for Rebate form and return the completed form along with proof of payment (itemized receipt or zeroed itemized invoice) from the company to the Town Forester. At this point, the rebate will be processed and mailed to the property owner.

Defensive assessments that have not been completed within 2 years of the initial assessment will become void and a new assessment will be required in order to qualify for a rebate. Properties may only receive one Defensive Space Program rebate once every 5 years.

Thank you,

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