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## Chapter 270 [Protection from the Olive Fruit Fly](#)

- **Section 010 [Purpose](#)**

The olive fruit fly, *Bactrocera oleae*, is a serious pest not known to occur in Glenn County. To protect the County's olive industry, it is necessary to restrict movements of host and possible carriers of the olive fruit fly (OLFF) into the County and to abate infestations of the pest if detected. (Ord. 1127 § 2, 2000)

- **Section 020 [Definitions](#)**

A. "Agricultural Commissioner" shall mean the Agricultural Commissioner of Glenn County.

B. "County" shall mean the County of Glenn.

C. "Host material and Carriers" shall mean shipments of unprocessed olive fruit and all olive (*Olea* sp.) plants/nursery stock, except when in the form of seeds, cuttings, or when barefoot and free of fruit. "Carriers" include used harvesting equipment, except when thoroughly cleaned.

D. "Shipment" shall mean any article or thing, which is, may be, or has been transported from one place to another.

E. "Person" shall include firms, corporations, companies or associations.

F. "Infestation" shall mean the detection of two or more adult OLFF within one life cycle and within a one mile radius, or the detection of multiple life stages indicating a breeding population in a non-regulatory situation.

G. "Restricted Origin" shall mean one in which one or more OLFF infestations have been detected and confirmed by the CDFA or an origin which is not conducting California Department of Food and Agriculture approved surveys and has not adopted restrictions on the movement of hosts and possible carriers to prevent the artificial spread of OLFF into that area. (Ord. 1127 § 2, 2000)

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### **Section 030 Findings**

The olive fruit fly, *Bactrocera oleae*, is a serious pest not known to occur in Glenn County. Damage caused by this insect includes premature drop of infested fruit, reduction of the usable pulp of infested fruit, and reduction of oil from infested fruit with the oil having an off-color; thereby, reducing production of olive fruit and fruit quality. Economic losses would be suffered by the County's olive industry if this insect pest were introduced. The State of California has repealed the state interior quarantine against the olive fruit fly. This ordinance provides necessary protection to the County's olive industry from the olive fruit fly. (Ord. 1127 § 2, 2000)

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### **Section 040 Restrictions on Movement of Plants/Nursery Stock**

No person shall move or ship into the County any host plants/nursery stock from a restricted origin, except under the following conditions:

A. The Shipment is transiting the county to a destination outside of the county without undue delay or diversion; or,

B. All fruit and debris have been removed from the plants prior to shipment and the shipment except transiting shipments is accompanied by a certificate issued by the agricultural officials at origin affirming that the shipment is in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance. (Ord. 1127 § 2, 2000)

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### **Section 050 Restrictions on Movement of Olive Fruit**

A. No restriction is placed by this ordinance on the shipment of processed olive fruit into the county (treated, brined, canned, etc.)

B. No person shall move or ship unprocessed olive fruit into or through the county unless the shipment is tarped or otherwise covered/enclosed in a manner that prevents in-transit fruit spillage/loss or exposure to olive fruit fly.

1. Individual bin identification tags are required for all shipments.

2. No person shall move or ship into the County any unprocessed olive fruit from a restricted origin, except under the following conditions:

a. The shipment is transiting the county to a destination outside of the county without undue delay or diversion; or,

b. The shipment originates from a non-infested orchard as determined by California Department of Food and Agriculture approved surveys conducted by the agricultural official at origin; or,

c. The shipment is being moved from an orchard in which OLFF has been detected, under a protocol (including compliance agreements) approved by the Agricultural Commissioner which requires either treatment or mass trapping at origin and prescribed handling of waste and culls at destination; or,

d. The shipment is being moved under a pest mitigation protocol approved by the Agricultural

Commissioner under destination county compliance agreements with processing of the olives within four (4) hours after arrival and prescribed handling of waste and culls; and,  
e. Each shipment, except transiting shipments, shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the agricultural official at origin affirming that the shipment is in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance are met. (Ord. 1127 § 2, 2000)

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#### **Section 060 Abatement of Olive Fruit Fly**

Shipments of restricted host materials, arriving without certification or in which a viable OLFF life stage is detected, will be treated or destroyed under the supervision of the Agricultural Commissioner, returned to origin, or shipped to an approved destination within the OLFF infested area. The owner of the shipment is responsible for the costs of the aforementioned options. The Agricultural Commissioner may charge the owner of the shipment for the cost of supervising the treatment or destruction of the shipment.

If an OLFF infestation is detected in any commercial agricultural production area (in commercial or non-commercial plantings) within the County, the pest shall be treated or mass trapped at the cost of the property owner or leaseholder, in a manner approved by and under the supervision of the Agricultural Commissioner, the pest shall be abated as provided in Section 5401 et seq. of the Food and Agricultural Code of California. (Ord. 1127 § 2, 2000)

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#### **Section 070 Movement of Host Material from Infested Locations**

Host material from a nursery, orchard, or other property in the County in which an OLFF infestation has been detected is prohibited movement from said location unless the host material is treated, handled, or processed under the supervision of the Agricultural Commissioner. The Agricultural Commissioner may charge the owner of the shipment for the cost of supervising said activities. (Ord. 1127 § 2, 2000)

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