

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-192

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TO ESTABLISH AN OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTION ON SHOULDER AREAS ALONG STATE ROUTE 18 AND REDUCING RISK OF FIRES ASSOCIATED WITH ENCAMPMENTS IN VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES OF UNINCORPORATED SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

On Tuesday November 16, 2021, on motion of Supervisor Baca Jr., duly seconded by Supervisor Rowe and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, wildfires are a frequent natural disaster in California, causing significant harm and loss to individuals, communities, wildlife, and great parts of natural landscape; and

WHEREAS, the duration and size of wildfires have increased over the last several decades; and

WHEREAS, researchers at the University of California, Irvine have found that California's wildfire problem has been getting worse with each passing year of the 21st century and the State's burn season has lengthened in the past two decades and that the yearly peak has shifted from August to July; and

WHEREAS, the burn season generally ends November of each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Office of the State Fire Marshal:

- a. While most of California is subject to some degree of fire hazard, there are specific features that make some areas more hazardous; and
- b. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is required by law to map areas of significant fire hazards based on fuels, terrain, weather, and other relevant factors; and
- c. These designations, referred to as "Fire Hazard Severity Zones" (FHSZ), mandate how people construct buildings and protect property to reduce risk associated with wildland fires; and
- d. The FHSZ maps are developed using a science-based and field-tested model that assigns a hazard score based on the factors that influence fire likelihood and fire behavior; and

WHEREAS, CAL FIRE maps also include Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) which are the most wildfire prone areas; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, on September 14, 2021 (Item No. 18), adopted a resolution to address the risk of fires associated with all encampments in the Unincorporated County Region VHFHSZ; and

WHEREAS, State Route 18 (SR-18) contains wide areas, that are used for turnouts, pullouts, and staging (construction or maintenance) areas located in VHFHSZ where there is potential for roadside encampments to spark devastating fires; and

WHEREAS, overnight parking on SR-18 can lead to roadside encampments and become a public safety threat; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 22506, the Board of Supervisors is authorized to establish parking restrictions on a state highway; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish a parking restriction on State Route 18 pursuant to Vehicle Code section 22506.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to prevent or mitigate the occurrences of fire and the corresponding loss and/or injury to life and/or property, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors:

1. Due to conditions affecting the welfare of the public utilizing State Route 18, the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary and hereby resolves to:

Establish an overnight parking restriction, pursuant to Vehicle Code section 22506, along shoulder areas, paved or otherwise, six feet in width or greater, that are used for turnouts, pullouts, and staging (construction or maintenance) areas on State Route 18.

2. The County Road Commissioner is directed to perform such acts as necessary to implement the terms of the Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY)

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of November 16, 2021. #34 LA

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy