



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

November 16, 2021

FROM

LEONARD X. HERNANDEZ, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office

SUBJECT

Overnight Parking Restriction on Shoulder Areas along State Route 18

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Adopt Resolution to establish an overnight parking restriction, pursuant to California 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. Direct the County Road Commissioner to perform such acts as necessary to implement the terms of the Resolution.

(Presenter: Leonard X. Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer, 387-5417)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In order to prevent or mitigate the occurrences of fire and the corresponding loss and/or injury to life and/or property, on September 14, 2021 (Item No. 18), the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to address the risk of fires associated with all encampments in the Unincorporated County Region Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ).

State Route 18 (SR-18) runs about 117 miles and is the primary route into the San Bernardino Mountains. Due to scenic views in the mountains, visitors have used the shoulder areas, paved or otherwise, which are six feet in width or greater, that are used for turnouts, pullouts, and staging (construction or maintenance) areas along the route to park overnight and camp. Unauthorized overnight parking increases the potential for roadside encampments to spark devastating fires in areas that are considered VHFHSZ.

In order to prohibit overnight parking on SR-18 shoulder areas, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requires the local agency to adopt a resolution pursuant to Vehicle Code section 22506. Adoption of this resolution will allow the necessary enforcement at locations described in Recommendation No. 1 above, which will control overnight parking and help mitigate fire hazards.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Supervising Deputy County Counsel, and Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on November 8, 2021; Finance (Stephenie Shea, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on November 3, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Matthew Erickson, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-5423) on November 8, 2021.