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DIVISION 11. RULES OF THE ROAD [21000 - 23336] (*Division 11 enacted by Stats. 1959, Ch. 3.)*

CHAPTER 1. Obedience to and Effect of Traffic Laws [21000 - 21300] (*Chapter 1 enacted by Stats. 1959, Ch. 3.)*

ARTICLE 3. Local Regulation [21100 - 21118] (*Article 3 enacted by Stats. 1959, Ch. 3.)*

(a) A local authority may, by ordinance or resolution, adopt rules and regulations for temporarily closing to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction when all of the following conditions are, after a public hearing, found to exist:

21101.4.

(1) The local authority finds and determines that, based upon the recommendation of the police department or, in the case of a highway in an unincorporated area, on the joint recommendation of the sheriff's department and the Department of the California Highway Patrol, one of the following concerns exists along the portion of highway recommended for closure:

(A) Serious and continual criminal activity.

(B) Serious and continual illegal dumping.

(2) The highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street, or, if the highway is so designated, the local authority, in conjunction with law enforcement and traffic engineers, has determined that a temporary closure may be accomplished without significant impact on the normal flow of traffic.

(3) Vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the highway contributes to the concern described in paragraph (1).

(4) The closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area of the highway proposed to be temporarily closed.

(b) A highway may be temporarily closed pursuant to subdivision (a) for not more than 18 months, except that this period may be extended for not more than eight additional consecutive periods of not more than 18 months each if, prior to each of those extensions, the local authority holds a public hearing and finds, by ordinance or resolution, that all of the following conditions exist:

(1) Continuation of the temporary closure will assist in preventing the occurrence or reoccurrence of the concern described in paragraph (1), found to exist when the immediately preceding temporary closure was authorized. This finding and determination shall be based upon the recommendation of the police department or, in the case of a highway in an unincorporated area, on the joint recommendation of the sheriff's department and the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

(2) The highway is not designated as a through highway or arterial street, or, if the highway is so designated, the local authority, in conjunction with law enforcement and traffic engineers, has determined that the immediately preceding temporary closure has been accomplished without significant impact on the normal flow of traffic.

(3) Vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the highway contributes to the concern described in paragraph (1).

(4) The immediately preceding closure has not substantially adversely affected traffic flow, safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area of the highway that was temporarily closed.

(c) The local authority shall mail written notice of the public hearing required under subdivision (a) or (b) to all residents and owners, as shown on the last equalized assessment roll, of property adjacent to the portion of highway where a temporary closure or extension of temporary closure is proposed.

(Amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 34, Sec. 1. (AB 332) Effective January 1, 2018.)



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Notwithstanding Section 21101, local authorities may not place gates or other selective devices on any street which deny or restrict the access of certain members of the public to the street, while permitting others unrestricted access to the street.

21101.6.

This section is not intended to make a change in the existing law, but is intended to codify the decision of the Court of Appeal in *City of Lafayette v. County of Contra Costa* (91 Cal. App. 3d 749).

This section shall become operative on January 1, 1990.

(Repealed (in Sec. 2) and added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 689, Sec. 3. Section operative January 1, 1990, by its own provisions.)

Attachment B



GARRETT SCOTT
Sheriff - Coroner

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DEVIN PERRY
Undersheriff

December 31, 2023

Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
981 H Street, Suite 200
Crescent City, CA 95531

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Del Norte County Community Development Department staff recently contacted our Office regarding the potential temporary closure of Union Street between Iowa Street and Elk Valley Road. The purpose of the temporary closure would be to secure the area from repeated illegal dumping and from criminal activity. The Sheriff's Office has an extensive history in this area and concurs that that both activities are prevalent and that efforts should be taken to eliminate them if possible.

Our office is aware that there are provisions in the California Vehicle Code that allow the Board of Supervisors to temporarily close a road or portion of a road within the unincorporated area when there is a history of continued criminal activity which would be minimized if the road were to be closed. A component of the Board's action is to have a joint recommendation from the two leading law enforcement agencies for the unincorporated area supporting the temporary closure. In support of this action, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the steps necessary to temporarily close that portion of Union Street for a period of up to 18 months. During this closure period we will monitor the effectiveness on minimizing criminal activity and illegal dumping. Access to the gate should be provided to our office following placement. If requested, I can have a member of my staff available at the public hearing for the resolution.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Scott", is written over the "Regards," text.

Garrett Scott, Sheriff-Coroner
Del Norte County

Attachment C

State of California—Transportation Agency

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor

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January 10, 2024

File No.: 120.18007

Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
981 H Street Suite 200
Crescent City, CA 95531

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I was recently contacted by regarding potential temporary closure of Union Street from Iowa Street to Elk Valley Road as part of a plan to limit continued illegal dumping and other criminal activities that are prevalent in the area.

Temporary road closures are allowed under the California Vehicle Code under various situations including when there is serious and continual criminal activity along a particular road segment. In this case, a joint recommendation is needed from the Department of California Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's office (California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 (a)). Accordingly, the California Highway Patrol has reviewed the County's request and finds and determines that serious and continual criminal activity does exist within this area and that a temporary closure would be beneficial to prevent recidivism. On behalf of the Crescent City area office of the California Highway Patrol, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors temporarily close the aforementioned segment of Union Street subject to the provisions of California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4.

Furthermore, I request that the Crescent City California Highway Patrol office be provided with access to the gate along with other law enforcement agencies, private landowners, first responder agencies and utility companies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Roach".

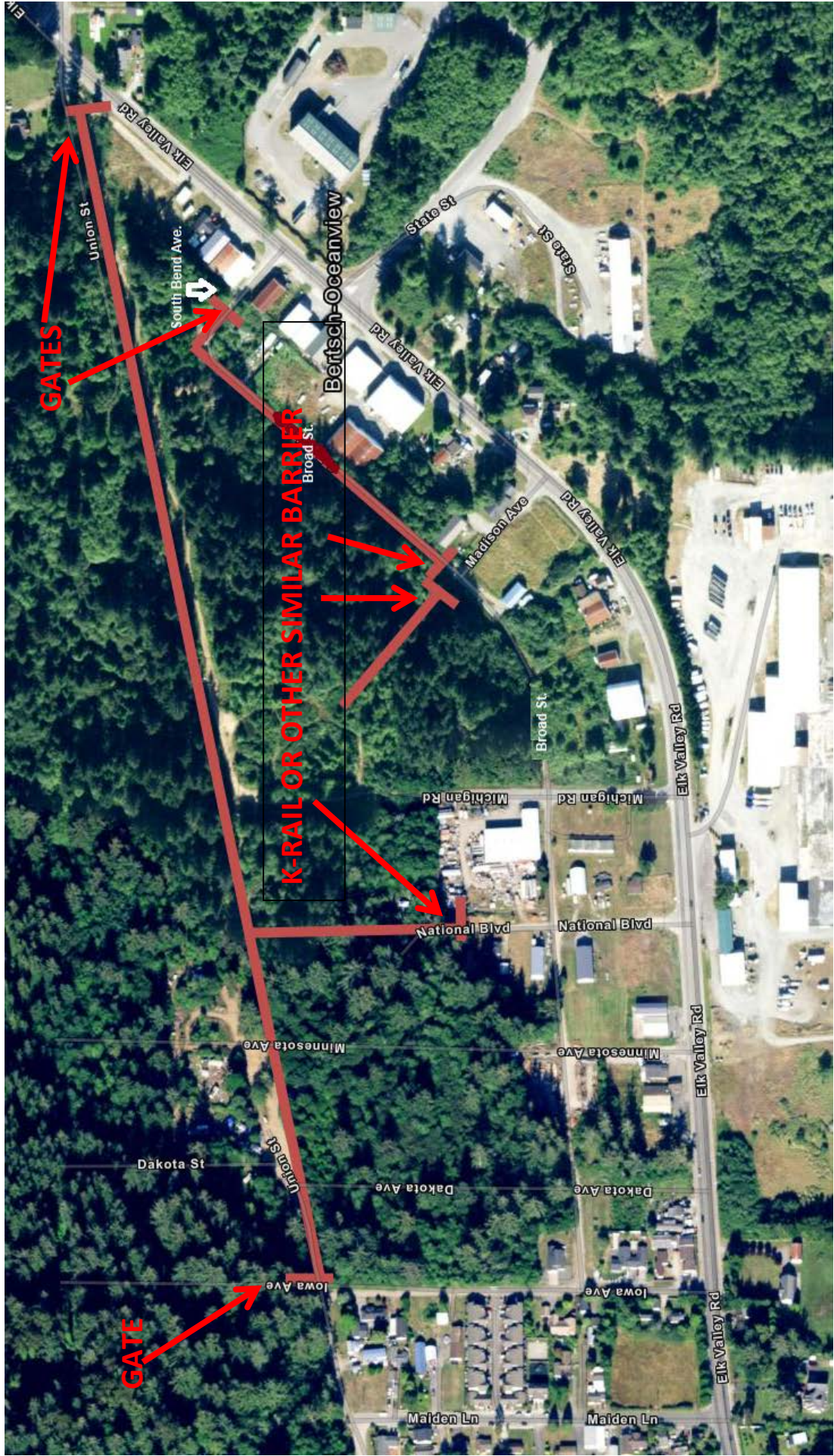
P. Roach, Lieutenant
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Attachment D



ATTACHMENT E



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Del Norte will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 981 H Street, Suite 100, Crescent City, CA, regarding the below described topic.

The County of Del Norte proposes an up to 18-month temporary closure of the following segments of public roads to assist in preventing serious and continual criminal activity found to exist in the area:

- Union Street beginning at Iowa Street to within 85 Feet of its terminus with Elk Valley Road (gates installed at each end)
- National Boulevard beginning at approximately 575 feet from its intersection with Elk Valley Road to Union Street (barriers to be installed at National Boulevard)
- Madison Avenue from Broad Street to Congress Street (barriers to be installed at Madison Avenue and Broad Street)
- Broad Street beginning at South Bend Avenue to Madison Avenue (barriers to be installed at the intersection with Madison Avenue and gate planned on South Bend Avenue)
- South Bend Avenue beginning at approximately 200 feet from its intersection with Elk Valley Road to Broad Street (gate to be installed on South Bend Avenue)

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows a local authority by resolution to temporarily close to through traffic a roadway under its jurisdiction when a public hearing is held and conditions specified in CVC Section 21101.4 are found to exist. The County has obtained a joint recommendation for temporary closure from the County Sheriff's Department and the Department of the California Highway Patrol. On the following page is a map showing each of the temporary closure locations.

If approved, the County will post a notice a minimum of 10-days before installing the gates and barriers at each access point to be closed to allow adequate time to remove any property requiring vehicular access. Utility providers and first responders will be provided access to the gates. Non-vehicular access to the roads will remain open to the public.

