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Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I was recently contacted regarding the 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)).

While the local Fire Chief is not included in this statute, I appreciate the opportunity to submit my recommendation. During the 2023 calendar year, Crescent City Fire & Rescue (CCF&R) responded to calls for service 50 times in this area alone. This approximate one-per-week response is far more than any other area or user in our responsibility area. We frequently respond for trailer/vehicle fires, trash/brush fires, and medical calls relating to assault or overdoses. It is apparent that serious and continual criminal activity does exist within this area and that a temporary closure would be beneficial to lessen the burden on Emergency Services.

Therefore, as the Chief of CCF&R, 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 CCF&R be provided with access to the gates along with other law enforcement agencies, private landowners, first responder agencies and utility companies.

Sincerely,

Kevin Carey
Fire Chief
Crescent City Fire & Rescue