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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.)



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August 8, 2025

Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
981 H Street, Suite 200
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Re: Support for Extension of Temporary Road Closure – Union Street

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Supervisor Darrin Short recently contacted our office regarding the continued need for a temporary closure of portions of roads in the Union Street area. As you are aware, this segment of roadway was previously closed pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4(a). Due to persistent illegal dumping and criminal activity in the area. Our office continues to receive reports and respond to calls in this area. Despite the positive impact of the initial closures, the area remains vulnerable, and we believe the removal of any closures at this time would result in a resurgence of the very activities the closures were intended to deter.

California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4(a)(1) allows the Board of Supervisors to temporarily close roads within the unincorporated area when there is a documented history of criminal activity, and when closure is supported by the local law enforcement agencies. Accordingly, we support an 18-month extension of the closure to continue protecting public health, safety, and property in the area.

We request that gate access be maintained for emergency personnel and the Sheriff's Office. Should the Board wish, a member of our staff is available to attend the public hearing and respond to any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to reduce crime and illegal dumping in this area.

Sincerely,

Garrett Scott
Sheriff-Coroner
Del Norte County



August 20, 2025

File No.: 120.15500.19072

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

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I was recently contacted about continuing the 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 in various situations including serious and continual criminal activity along a particular road segment and when a closure would not significantly impact the flow of traffic. 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 that serious and continual criminal activity does exist within this area and that a temporary closure would be beneficial to prevent recidivism and would not significantly impact the flow of traffic. On behalf of the Crescent City Area of the California Highway Patrol, I recommend that the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors continue the closure of the aforementioned segment of Union Street, subject to the provisions of California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4(a).

Furthermore, I request that the Crescent City Area 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,

F. L. CASTRO, Lieutenant
Commander



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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, August 26, 2025, at 10:30 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 to extend the temporary closure of the following public road segments for an additional 18 months in order to address and deter ongoing, serious criminal activity occurring in the area:

- **Union Street** – From Iowa Street to within 85 feet of its terminus at Elk Valley Road. (A gate is already installed at the Elk Valley Road end; an additional gate will be installed at the Iowa Street end on a publicly noticed date.)
- **National Boulevard** – From approximately 575 feet east of its intersection with Elk Valley Road to Union Street. (Barriers currently installed at National Boulevard.)
- **Madison Avenue** – From Broad Street to Congress Street. (Barriers currently installed at Madison Avenue and Broad Street).
- **Broad Street** – From the southwest corner of APN 115-206-010-000 (1781 Broad Street) to Madison Avenue. (Barriers currently installed at each end.)

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 gate at Union Street and Iowa Street 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.

Proposed Temporary Road Closure Areas



If you are unable to participate in the public hearing, you may direct written questions to the County of Del Norte Board of Supervisors, 981 H Street, Suite 200, Crescent City, CA 95531 or you may telephone (707) 464-7204. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.