


**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 25 , 2025

To: The Honorable City Council  
c/o City Clerk, Room 395  
Honorable Heather Hutt, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager   
Department of Transportation

Subject: **SURVEY OF RED FLAG STREETS IN VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD COMMUNITIES OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

**SUMMARY**

In response to Council File (CF) 23-1445, this report provides a status update regarding installing Red Flag Day parking restrictions for locations identified by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) communities in Council District (CD) 1 . LAFD provided the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) with a list of 12 street segments within the Montecito Heights, Mount Washington, Glassell Park, and the Fire Station 12 District where they determined that Red Flag Day parking restrictions were essential for public safety. LADOT collaborated with LAFD to refine the locations on their list, and LADOT completed the installation of new Red Flag Day parking restriction signs for the street segments listed below and shown in Attachment 1, “Map of ‘Red Flag’ Parking Restrictions” by December 24, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council NOTE and FILE this report.

**BACKGROUND**

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.72 authorizes LADOT to install and maintain signs giving notice that no person shall park a vehicle during a Red Flag Alert in the City of Los Angeles, subject to vehicle removal. Signs prohibiting parking installed pursuant to this section are only enforceable on Red Flag Days in the City of Los Angeles as declared by the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee. When LAFD determines that parking on one or both sides of a street in a VHFHSZ would create a hazard to life or property by interfering with emergency vehicle access and resident evacuation during a major brush fire, LAFD will request LADOT to install parking restrictions for Red Flag days.

**DISCUSSION**

The Red Flag parking restriction program identified critical areas where parked vehicles could delay people trying to evacuate and fire companies attempting to gain access during a fire incident. Through the development of this program, LAFD's Hydrants and Access Unit identifies street segments within VHFHSZs, such as narrow roads, hairpin turns, and tight curves, that if not cleared of parked vehicles, would create a choke point. Since January 1, 2006, LADOT posted over 1,700 signs in these identified areas to ensure the safety of residents and drivers of emergency vehicles. In Fiscal Year 2022-23, LAFD and LADOT completed a collaborative project that surveyed all of the Red Flag sign locations Citywide to maintain existing or replace missing signs.

Hillside communities in CD 1 within VHFHSZs have seen a boom in new residential development since the original signs were installed in 2006. The increased hillside population brought more vehicles to the streets of these communities and increased demand for on-street parking. This combination resulted in a critical need for LAFD to reassess streets to determine where additional Red Flag parking restrictions were needed, and then for LADOT to install the signs to ensure public safety. In 2024, LADOT and LAFD worked together on this project focused on the communities of Montecito Heights (90031), Lincoln Heights (90031), Mount Washington (90065), and Glassell Park (90065).

Based on an initial list of streets desired by LAFD to have Red Flag parking restrictions posted, LADOT met with the LAFD to refine the list, and by December 24, 2024, LADOT completed installing signs with the "Tow Away No Parking, Red Flag Days" restriction at the following locations:

- Loveland Drive, both sides, between Cazador Street/Brilliant Way and 2225 Loveland Drive
- Maricopa Drive, both sides, between Cazador Street and 2212 Maricopa Drive
- Verdugo Vista Terrace, both sides, between Verdugo View Drive and 3549 Verdugo Vista Terrace
- Berenice Place, both sides, between Avenue 39 and Avenue 43
- Two Tree Avenue, both sides, between Thomas Street and Prewitt Street
- Prewitt Street, both sides, between Two Tree Street and Minnesota Street
- Clifton Street, both sides, between Fonda Way and the dead-end east of Montecito Street
- Tacoma Avenue, both sides, between Isabel Street and Roseview Avenue
- Cliff Drive, both sides, between Tacoma Avenue and Roseview Avenue
- Roseview Avenue, both sides, between Cliff Drive and 3644 Roseview Avenue
- Kemper Street, both sides, between 1736 Kemper Street and Future Street
- Future Street, both sides, between Kilbourn Street and Kemper Street

Attachment 1 provides a map of the above locations for reference.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact on the City's General Fund.

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Attachments

Attachment 1: Map of "Red Flag" Parking Restrictions

ATTACHMENT 1  
"Red Flag Days" Parking Restrictions

**Glassell Park (FS 55)**

Loveland Dr bet. Brilliant Way and 2225 Loveland Dr

Maricopa Drive bet. Cazador St and 2212 Maricopa Dr

Verdugo Vista Terr bet. Verdugo View Dr and 3549 Verdugo Vista Terr

**Mt. Washington (FS 44)**

Tacoma Ave bet. Isabel St and Roseview Ave

Cliff Dr bet. Tacoma Ave and Roseview Ave

Roseview Ave bet. Cliff Dr and 3644 Roseview Ave

Kemper St bet. 1736 Kemper St and Future St

Future St bet. Kemper St and Kilbourn St

**Montecito Heights (FS 1)**

Berenice Pl bet. Ave 39 and Ave 43

Two Tree Ave bet. Thomas St and Prewett St

Prewett St bet. Two Tree St and Minnesota St

Clifton St bet. Fonda Way and 559 Clifton St

