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In an attempt to increase public safety, in 2005 the City Council adopted an ordinance to prohibit or limit parking on certain streets on Red Flag Alert days. The Los Angeles Fire Department and Department of Transportation created a program to remove illegally parked vehicles in posted locations within the City's Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ).


The program's goal was to identify 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, Station Commanders were asked to identify areas such as very narrow roads, hairpin turns, tight curves, and key intersections that, if not cleared of vehicles, would create a choke point. These intersections were highlighted and given to the Department of Transportation. Since January 1, 2006, the Department of Transportation has made 1700 new signs and posted them in these aforementioned identified areas to ensure safety for residents in these VHFHSZs.

Council District 1 hillside communities in the VHFHSZ have seen a boom in new residential development since the original signs were installed in 2006. The increased hillside population has brought more vehicles to streets making them narrow, creating hairpin turns, tight curves, and choke points raising the risk to the public and our first responders on Red Flag Days.

Council District 1 hillside communities of Montecito Heights (90031), Lincoln Heights (90031), Mt Washington (90065), and Glassell Park (90065) have a critical need for the Fire Department to do a updated assessment of these areas and the Department of Transportation to install new Red Flag Day parking restriction signs to ensure public safety.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Fire Department to survey within 30 days Council District 1 VHFHSZ hillside communities of 90031 and 90065 to identify locations that need new and/or reinstalled Red Flag Day parking restriction signs posted and to provide those locations to Council District 1 and the Department of Transportation.

I FURTHER MOVE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation be directed to process and install the signs at requested locations within 30 days from the receipt and approval of the Los Angeles Fire Department survey report.

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