

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Adopted this Traffic Resolution on , 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 2026/
Supervisorial District I

SUBJECT: “Red Flag” Event Parking Restrictions, Kensington area.

WHEREAS, California is experiencing a greater number of “Red Flag” events – days when weather conditions are such that the potential for a wildfire is extremely high, including when relative humidity is 15 percent or less with either sustained winds of 25 mph or greater or frequent gusts of 35 mph or greater for a duration of 6 hours or more, or when relative humidity is 10 percent or less for a duration of 10 hours or more, or when there is widespread and/or significant dry lightning, or for other hazardous local conditions;

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has designated a significant portion of the Kensington area as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone that faces greater risk of hazards during Red Flag events;

WHEREAS, the Kensington area contains narrow and winding roads, roads with tight curves, and critical intersections that would create choke points, making emergency response and resident evacuation extremely challenging in the event of a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code section 22507, Contra Costa County Ordinance Code section 46-2.004, and other applicable laws, authorize the Board of Supervisors to adopt traffic orders to prohibit parking at all times on County roads for various reasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, as follows:

1. Evacuation Routes. All County roads within the area shown on Exhibit A are designated as evacuation routes and subject to the parking restrictions in Section 2 during any “Red Flag” event declared by the Fire Chief, or designee, of the Kensington Community Services District (KCSD). The KCSD will be responsible for developing its communication procedures for notifying the public when a “Red Flag” event is declared.

2. “Red Flag” Event Parking Restrictions. Whenever, with reference to any road or portion of a road in the area designated in Exhibit A, the KCSD Fire Chief or designee determines that parking on one or both sides of the road would create a hazard to life or property by interfering with emergency vehicle access and resident evacuation, on-street parking at that location or locations is prohibited at all times until the “Red Flag” event is declared to be ended. Vehicles parked in violation of this restriction are subject to removal at the owner’s expense. The County Public Works Director or designee is authorized to install and maintain at that location or locations signs giving notice that on-street parking on those roads is prohibited during declared “Red Flag” events, and that vehicles parked on those roads during a declared “Red Flag” event are subject to removal pursuant to Vehicle Code section 22651(n) and other applicable laws.

3. Enforcement. The law enforcement and traffic officers of the KCSD are authorized to enforce this traffic resolution.

4. Exception. Vehicles of any federal, state, or local agency, or any public utility, are exempt from the parking restrictions in Section 2