



Enforcement Fact Sheet

CHP Enforcement Hotline: 967-1234

Problem Statement

The existing parking restrictions may be sufficient in Summerland but many residents feel that the No Parking Zones and other street parking restrictions are not adequately enforced, leading to street crowded with the long term storage of boats, trailers, RV's, and vehicles.



FAQs

Public Roads

- How long can cars or other equipment park on public streets?*
 - No longer than 120 or more consecutive hours.ⁱ
 - No trailer, fifth wheel or equipment transported by truck or trailer which has been detached from the tow vehicle may be parked longer than 24 consecutive hours.ⁱⁱ
- Who enforces No Parking Zones in Summerland?*
 - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is responsible for parking enforcement, ticketing, and issuing tow orders.ⁱⁱⁱ
 - The CHP typically responds to citizen complaints and does actively patrol.
 - The VIPER Program is used to abate long-term violations and involves contacting the registered owner and providing a timeframe for resolution.
- Who has the authority to remove unlawfully parked vehicles?*
 - Any peace officer (defined as sheriff, police, CHP etc.) when a vehicle has been parked or left standing on a street for 120 or more consecutive hours^{iv}
 - If a car is left more than 120 consecutive hours, the CHP first tries to contact the owner; if that does not result in removal, they ticket the car, wait 5 days, and then tow. Parked cars that block the road or hamper traffic are towed immediately.
- What are some other circumstances permitting removal?*

A peace officer, or a County employee who is engaged in directing traffic or enforcing parking laws and regulations, may authorize removal:

- When a parked vehicle obstructs normal movement of traffic.
- When a parked vehicle blocks the entrance to a private driveway.
- When a vehicle is illegally parked so as to prevent access to a fire hydrant.
- Whenever a vehicle is parked where local authorities have prohibited parking and have authorized the removal of vehicles. A vehicle shall not be removed unless signs are posted giving notice of the removal.^v
- The County employee can initiate the removal by responding to a citizen complaint or an ongoing problem but the CHP is still responsible for ticketing and towing.

5. *Can the County take greater responsibility for enforcement of parking regulations and how could this be accomplished?*

The County Sheriff or other entity could take greater responsibility for enforcement if the Board of Supervisors were to establish a funding mechanism for such a program. With grant funding the CHP could authorize officer overtime for parking enforcement in Summerland

6. *What authority does the County have to establish parking regulations?*

The Santa Barbara County Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to designate by resolution limited parking zones and no parking zones and in such resolution may authorize the road commissioner to place appropriate markings or signs for such zones.^{vi}

ⁱ Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Sec. 23-13.1.

ⁱⁱ Ibid Chapter 23 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Sec 23-13.10.

ⁱⁱⁱ California Vehicle Code, Chapter 2, Section 2400.

^{iv} Santa Barbara County Code, Section 23-13.2.

^v California Vehicle Code, Chapter 10, Section 22651.

^{vi} Santa Barbara County Code, Section 23-11 and 23-11.1.