



**MEMORANDUM**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**AND FACILITIES**  
**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 5, 2016

FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works and Facilities  
By: Stephanie Holloway, Senior Civil Engineer

SUBJECT: Transportation / Parking Ordinance / Lake Clementine Road and Mt. Vernon Road

---

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Conduct a Public Hearing and adopt an urgency (four-fifths vote) Ordinance establishing parking restrictions on a portion of Lake Clementine Road and a portion of Mt Vernon Road in the Auburn area.

**BACKGROUND**

Lake Clementine Road is a narrow, two-lane, rural County maintained roadway which serves as a connection from Foresthill Road to the Lake Clementine State Recreation Area. The width of Lake Clementine Road varies throughout, with some sections being narrower than twenty 20 feet. Due to the boat launch facility in Lake Clementine State Recreation Area, traffic along Lake Clementine Road includes large vehicles towing boats and other watercrafts. Public Works and Facilities has been notified by local California State Park rangers of the occurrence of parking along Lake Clementine Road in narrow sections of the roadway, which has impeded travel by large vehicles and has the potential to impede emergency services.

Mt. Vernon Road has been observed as a location being used for overflow parking by visitors to Hidden Falls Regional Park. Mt. Vernon Road is a two-lane, rural county maintained roadway with limited roadside shoulder areas. Due to the lack of shoulder width to accommodate parking as well as pedestrian access, any parking along either side of Mt Vernon Road may restrict the width of traveled way and would require pedestrians to traverse the roadway adjacent to parked vehicles to reach Mears Drive and ultimately Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Public Works has evaluated the occurrences of roadside parking on Lake Clementine Road and Mt Vernon Road and believes that vehicles parked along the road sections identified, impairs normal traffic flow and raises concern for access of emergency vehicles and public safety. The Department recommends that parking be restricted along Lake Clementine Road, (see attached map) and on Mt Vernon Road, (see attached map). Therefore Public Works and Facilities is recommending the adoption of an urgency Ordinance that would establish parking restrictions (prohibitions) to be effective immediately and eliminate possible roadside parking along sections of roadway.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

This action is exempt under CEQA guidelines per Categorical Exemption Class 1 (c), Number 18.36.030: Operation of Existing Streets and Highways. An Exemption Verification will be filed with the Placer County Planning Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost to place and maintain signs and curb markings is minimal and will be absorbed by the Road Fund. Funding is available in the FY 2015 -16 Final Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance with Exhibit A  
Lake Clementine Road Location Map  
Mt. Vernon Road Location Map

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

**In the matter of:** An Ordinance modifying Chapter 10, Section 10.12.120 establishing parking restrictions on a portion of Lake Clementine Road and a portion of Mt Vernon Road

Ordinance No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

---

FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE ) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10.12.120 TO ESTABLISH PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A PORTION OF LAKE CLEMENTINE ROAD AND A PORTION OF MT VERNON ROAD AS INDICATED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A AND BY THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER FINDS AND ORDAINS, BY FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE, AS FOLLOWS:

A. Lake Clementine Road is a narrow, two-lane, rural County maintained roadway serving as access to the Lake Clementine State Recreation Area. Due to existence of a boat launch facility where the roadway terminates at Lake Clementine, traffic using the roadway includes large vehicles towing boats and other watercrafts. The occurrence of vehicles parked on the roadway has to blocked downhill or uphill passage of larger vehicles and has the potential to block emergency services.

B. Hidden Falls Regional Park was initially opened in 2006 as a 220 acre park, and has since been reopened in May of 2013 after undergoing a 1,000 acre expansion. Due to an increase in the amount of visitors to Hidden Falls Regional Park, available parking within the park property has been exhausted on many recent occasions thus increasing the occurrence of parked cars along both sides of Mt. Vernon Road. Due to the lack of shoulder width to accommodate parking as well as pedestrian facilities, any parking along either side of Mt Vernon Road may restrict the width of traveled way and would require pedestrians to traverse the roadway adjacent to parked vehicles to reach Mears Drive and ultimately Hidden Falls Regional Park. The roadway is approximately 24 feet in width near the intersection with Mears Drive, thus allowing for two 11' travel lanes and paved shoulder widths of 0' to 2'. The enforceable speed limit 55 MPH on this roadway section.

C. Recently, county staff has received numerous calls from neighboring property owners as well as park rangers and the California Highway Patrol regarding safety concerns with the occurrence of parking along Mt. Vernon Road due to higher vehicle speeds and limited roadside areas for pedestrians as well as on road parking.

D. Adoption of this Ordinance under urgency (four-fifths vote) is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, as set forth in Government Code §25123(d), in order restrict parking along the identified section of Lake Clementine Road and Mt. Vernon Road so as to ensure the safe traffic flow for all roadway users, including patrons of the Lake Clementine State Recreation Area and Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Exhibit A

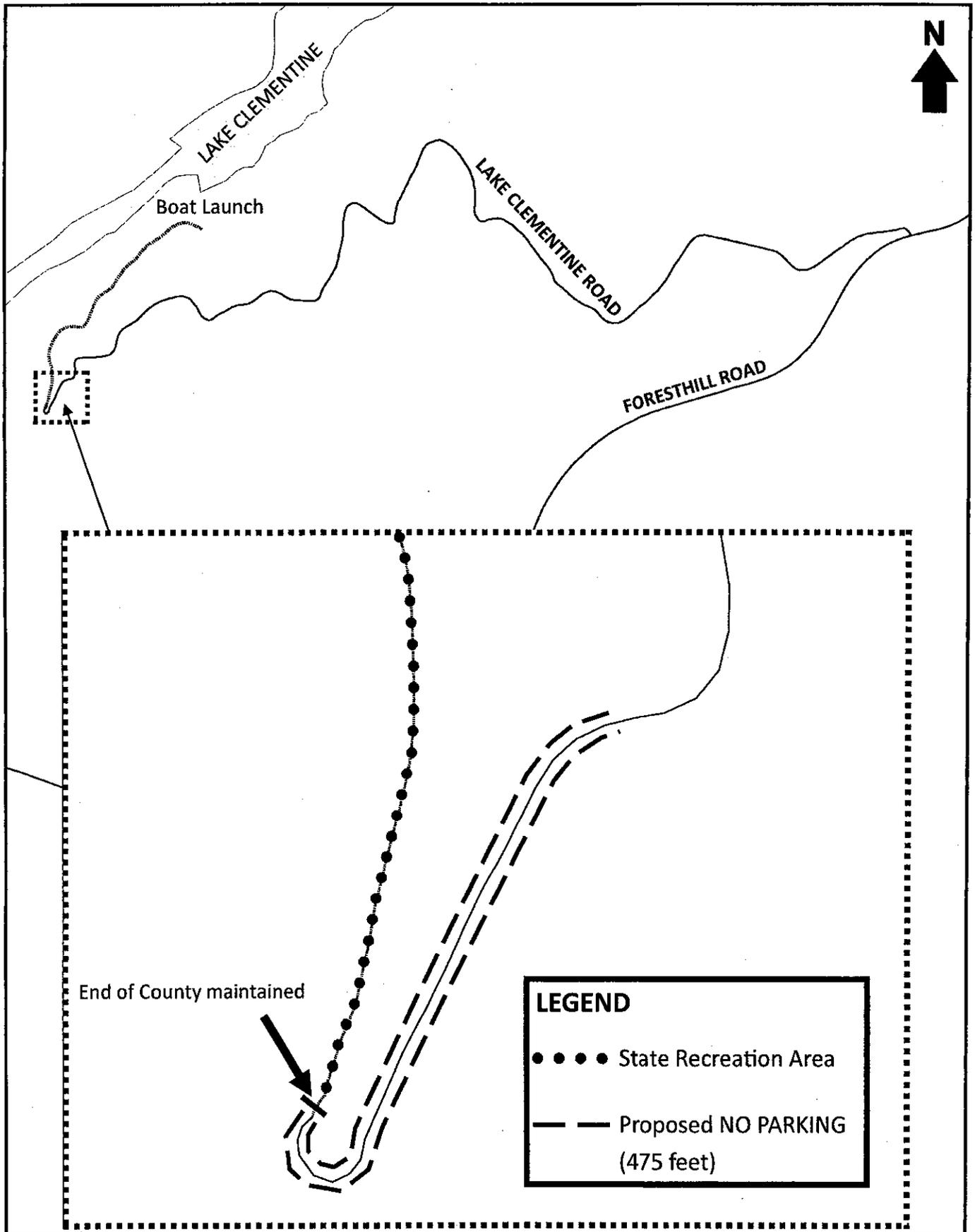
**CHAPTER 10: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

**SEC. 10.12.120**

**LIMITATIONS IMPOSED**

<b><u>ROAD</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>RESTRICTION</u></b>
Lake Clementine Road	Beginning of county maintained and entrance to Lake Clementine State Recreation Area to 500 feet north of entrance, both sides of road (PM 0.00 – PM 0.09, both sides)	No Parking Any Time
Mt Vernon Road	0.31 miles east and west of Mears Drive, on both sides of road (PM 2.47 – PM 3.09, both sides)	No Parking Any Time

# Lake Clementine Road Location Map



# Mt Vernon Road Location Map

