

Attachment B – Summary of Public Comments and Fire Department Responses

Nº	Paraphrased Public Comment	Fire Department Response
1	I am in favor of the Red Flag parking restrictions. My street, or a portion thereof, is so narrow and/or windy that we would like parking restricted to one side permanently, not just on Red Flag days. [Most frequent comment]	The Fire Department is currently only addressing parking issues on days of extreme fire hazard. The Department believes that while the community appears generally in favor of such parking restrictions on Red Flag days, more significant objections will be heard regarding 24/7 parking restrictions
2	We want to avoid the aesthetic problem of sign clutter.	The Department of Transportation and the Fire Department intend to limit street signage to the minimum required by applicable Law or Regulation for enforcement of the restrictions.
3	What kind of signs will be required, and how many? Will there be different signage requirements for private roads verses public roads?	The Department of Transportation estimates that approximately 800 signs spaced approximately 500 feet apart will be required to cover approximately 45 miles of streets. Additionally, approximately 50 gateway signs will be placed at strategic major intersections. Gateway signs will remain folded and unobtrusive until a Red Flag Warning is declared, at which time they will be unfolded to provide Red Flag notice to motorists.
4	Your [draft] map doesn't show the stub road off of [address withheld for privacy]. It is less than the required width.	The specific "stub road" is a long driveway, and not a road, and not covered by these requirements.
5	My street is ¼ inch narrower than the 32 foot limit for unrestricted parking. How will this be handled?	Neither the Fire Department, nor the Department of Transportation, anticipate measuring to a level of precision where fractions of an inch will be significant.

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6	<p>Our neighbors have traditionally pulled our cars out of the driveway and into the street on Red Flag days to allow the Fire Department easy access to the brush areas to the rear and our pools. Leaving cars in our driveways will block Fire department access.</p>	<p>The Fire Department appreciates your efforts to ease our access! However, trading one blockage that potentially only affects one house for a blockage that potentially affects many is problematic. To continue your fire safety efforts, the Fire Department would request that you move your vehicles to the nearest unrestricted parking in the area.</p>
7	<p>Somehow, I sense that the City may be getting ready to make a one-size-fits-all decision.</p>	<p>The Fire Department and Department of Transportation are both committed to making the <i>BEST</i> decisions possible, not the easiest or quickest. Within reason, implementation will be sensitive to unique situations as they arise.</p>
8	<p>I would suggest that this be a year round practice since it is too confusing for the public to have to think about what month it is.</p>	<p>The Department of Transportation and the Fire department will be looking at permanent restrictions as part of a different project. Staff believes that, with the implementation of community-wide notifications on the City's website, probable press coverage, gateway signs and personal notifications by email and telephone, public confusion regarding when restrictions are in effect should be minimal.</p>
9	<p>How many days are typically Red Flag?</p>	<p>We are estimating less than 45 days per year. We believe this estimate errs on the high side and that most years will be somewhat less.</p>
10	<p>What are the stop/start hours?</p>	<p>The stop and start of the Red Flag conditions will be determined by the weather as predicted by the National Weather Service. Staff believes that Red Flag notices will generally be sent as "until further notice" with a cancellation notice in the future. In the event an end time can be announced with the Red Flag notice, it will be subject to extensions as needed.</p>

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11	In many neighborhoods, people have overnight parking permits for street parking. Where would they park during a “red flag”? Most of these permits do not allow parking anywhere else.	The Department of Transportation states that overnight parking permits are <i>not</i> restricted to parking only in front of one address. Overnight parking permits would be valid for parking in any nearby unrestricted, legal parking space.
12	Many streets in these areas change in width, so some blocks would be affected and others not. Many streets extend from areas in the high fire hazard zone to non-threatened areas.	Those blocks that do not meet the requirements will not be posted.
13	The greatest threat is in the Linda Vista area, yet most of the photos are from San Rafael and Poppy Peak. Why?	The photos in the presentation were for illustrative purposes only. Photos were included from all affected areas. Also, it is a misperception that Linda Vista is at higher risk than San Rafael and Poppy Peak.
14	In addition, the City should strictly enforce weed abatement, routinely check water pressure, encourage people with pools to have pumps to fight fires, strictly enforce the fireworks prohibition and cooperate with La Canada to curb teenage gatherings in the hills.	The City currently has programs to address most, if not all, of these issues and the Fire Department works with various other Departments to encourage and support their efforts. With regards to fireworks and teenage gatherings, addressing these issues will require active participation by the neighborhood to report these activities when they occur, not after the fact.
15	We believe that taking this public safety issue to the residents and asking for public input is important, however public safety should take priority over resident convenience.	The Fire Department heartily agrees.
16	How would plumbers, gardeners and repair vehicles be dealt with?	The Fire Department will propose that commercial delivery vehicles parked in front of the receiving property for no more than 15 minutes would be exempt, as well as City vehicles during the course of their duties. All others would be subject to the restrictions. Plumbers, gardeners and the like would

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		<p>need off-street or unrestricted parking in order to not cause a hazard for the community. Individuals working in restricted areas would also have the option to sign up to receive personal notifications.</p>
17	<p>How would vacations be dealt with?</p>	<p>No matter how reasonable the justification may seem, creating a potential blockage in the street on days of extreme hazard is an unacceptable hazard for the entire community. Residents would be encouraged to find alternative unrestricted parking if they are vacationing during periods expected to be of high risk. Also, neighbors could cooperate to move vehicles, as well.</p>
18	<p>We have no off-street parking.</p>	<p>No matter how reasonable the justification may seem, creating a potential blockage in the street on days of extreme hazard is an unacceptable hazard for the entire community. Frequently, this situation is caused by “converted” garages. As an alternative to the inconvenience of restricted parking, homeowners could evaluate re-converting their garage back to its intended use.</p>
19	<p>What about residents who have restricted mobility and no off-street parking?</p>	<p>No matter how reasonable the justification may seem, creating a potential blockage in the street on days of extreme hazard is an unacceptable hazard for the entire community. A neighbor or caregiver could move the vehicle when the resident arrives home.</p>
20	<p>Could digital signs be installed to implement the parking restrictions?</p>	<p>Staff believes this to be cost prohibitive for both installation and ongoing maintenance.</p>
21	<p>What would the enforcement protocol be?</p>	<p>The Fire Department is recommending that the restricted parking be treated in a manner equivalent to a Fire Lane. In order to allow residents to become comfortable with the new requirement, the Fire Department is recommending a</p>

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		phased approach, as follows: the first 3 Red Flag notifications or first 10 days, whichever is less, would receive warnings; the next 3 Red Flag notifications or 10 days, whichever is less, would receive tickets; and, thereafter vehicles would be ticketed and towed.
22	Will these restrictions include Pasadena Glen?	No, Pasadena Glen is not within the City of Pasadena.
23	What happens when a Red Flag coincides with a Rose Bowl event?	Generally, there should be no impact. Pasadena Police discourages public parking in bordering neighborhoods. Those that do park are subject to all parking restrictions and would be subject to Red Flag restrictions as well. For residents who may plan parties during Rose Bowl events, the resident would need to make their parking plans accordingly.