

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SIERRA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY )  
REOPENING OF ROADS WITHIN THE )  
COTTONWOOD FIRE AREA )

ORDINANCE NO. 831

NON-CODIFIED FINDINGS:

- A. At its meeting of July 5, 1995, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance No. 830, closing certain roads within the Cottonwood Fire Rehabilitation Area to effect public protection from the high volume of truck traffic necessitated by salvage logging operations and other fire rehabilitation work, and for the protection of the fire-damaged properties from vandalism and theft.
- B. Following closure of said roads, many complaints were received from the public opposing the road closures, resulting in the taking of public comment at the July 18, 1995 Board of Supervisors' meeting.
- C. California Highway Patrol Officer Gary Monroe stated at the public meeting that as a result of closure of the roads, he was unable to enforce any traffic laws, except for citing persons for driving past "Road Closed" signs, and that by reopening the roads, he would be able to enforce the Basic Speed Law (*California Vehicle Code* Section 22350), interpreted by him as 15 MPH on "blind corners" under conditions such as those experienced on the subject roads.
- D. The public safety can better be protected by having vehicle provisions applicable and enforceable than having no vehicle code provisions (other than sign laws) in force.
- E. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the public interest and safety will best be served by reopening the roads, so that the *Vehicle Code* may be enforced on the applicable roadways.

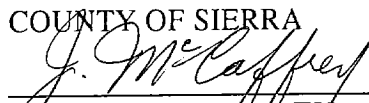
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SIERRA ORDAINS as follows:

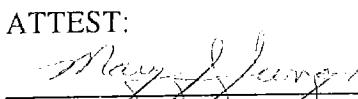
**Ordinance Section One:** As an Urgency Ordinance, Part 11, Chapter 06, Section 080 of the Sierra County Code is hereby repealed.


**Ordinance Section Two:** This ordinance shall be an urgency ordinance, effective upon adoption, and is necessary for the immediate public protection. Reopening of the roads closed by Ordinance 830 will allow enforcement of Vehicle Code Section 22350, for the safety and protection of the general public, and those parties involved in fire rehabilitation work in the stated area.

Introduced and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra, State of California, held on the 1st day of August, 1995, by the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors McIntosh, McCaffrey, Bowling, Whitley  
NOES: Supervisor Luchessi  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

COUNTY OF SIERRA  
  
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JEROME MC CAFFREY  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:  
  
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MARY J. JUNGI  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
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WILLIAM W. PANGMAN  
COUNTY COUNSEL