



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: JoAnne Plummer, Director of Neighborhood Services

PREPARED BY: Jason Levy, Emergency Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: Temporary On-Street Parking Restrictions for the 2026 Isla Vista 'Deltopia' Event

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 26- entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing Temporary On-Street Parking Restrictions Related to the 2026 Isla Vista Deltopia Event."

BACKGROUND:

In past years, the City experiences impacts from unsanctioned events in Isla Vista. Over the past several years, these events have occurred during the Fall Halloween event, and the Spring Deltopia event. Deltopia is an unsanctioned spring break event usually held the weekend after students return from their Spring Break to the Isla Vista area. Deltopia 2026 is anticipated for Friday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 5th.

For the 2025 Deltopia, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) and partner agencies issued 485 citations and made 84 arrests including a minor in possession of a firearm. In 2024, there were a total of 256 citations, and 32 arrests. In 2023, there were a total of 151 citations, and 23 arrests. In past years, an estimated 25,000 people have passed through Goleta for this popular annual event.

One of the significant impacts from these Isla Vista events has been parking overflow into the University 1 and 2 neighborhoods in Goleta, and associated noise and other disturbances from individuals returning from Isla Vista to their vehicles in the late evening and early morning hours.

In partnership with Santa Barbara County, and surrounding jurisdictions (UCSB, Isla Vista Community Services District), the City of Goleta has implemented parking restrictions for the anticipated weekend. The restrictions are meant to ensure the safety of students and the broader community during the annual unsanctioned Deltopia event.

On February 5, 2026, the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Standing Committee discussed the 2026 parking restrictions and concurred with staff's recommendation to continue the temporary parking restrictions program based on the 2025 model for the Goleta neighborhoods closest to Isla Vista.

DISCUSSION:

In past years, both University of California Police Department (UCPD) and SBSO have increased officer presence during the Deltopia event in partnership with other UC campuses and law enforcement jurisdictions, respectively. Additionally, UCSB, via its Parking Services, has implemented on-campus parking restrictions for the weekend that Deltopia occurs. UCSB is expected to take the same measures for this spring's event. Historically, the increased parking restrictions on campus have resulted in event attendees utilizing parking within the local Goleta neighborhoods and businesses.

To discourage large gatherings, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the County Ordinance on January 13, 2026. The amendment extends the restriction on amplified music to coincide with Deltopia; it covers the period from 12:00 a.m. Friday through 11:49 p.m. Sunday during the first week of UCSB's Spring Quarter. This change responds to impacts including increased medical calls for service occurring in Isla Vista arising from recent Deltopia events (2023–2025). While SBSO expects the amendment to help reduce negative impacts, shifting the event's culture will take time. Therefore, staff recommend continuing the temporary parking restriction program for Goleta neighborhoods closest to Isla Vista. The recommendation to the Council is a temporary on-street parking restriction in the University 1 and 2 neighborhoods, limiting parking to only residents and/or attendees for sanctioned Girsh Park activities. The proposed restrictions span from noon on Friday, April 3rd through 7:00 AM on Sunday, April 5th. The dates of these restrictions are dependent on when the unsanctioned Deltopia event is held. The most likely dates are April 3rd through April 5th, and staff are prepared to implement the same restrictions the following week, April 10th through April 12th, should the event take place one week later.

Similar to last year's parking restriction, additional consideration is given to Girsh Park programming. It is recommended to continue with a daytime pass available for Girsh Park activities, allowing parents and community members to participate in sanctioned Girsh Park activities such as Little League programs.

The proposed parking restriction area generally has the following boundaries: Cannon Green Drive on the west, Hollister Avenue on the north, Storke Road on the east and Whittier Drive on the south. A map of the proposed parking restriction area is provided in Attachment 1. This area is comprised of an estimated 1,250 dwelling units representing approximately 4,000 residents. Staff will reactivate the interactive parking restrictions webpage as a resource for the community. Parking permits will be required to be taped to the inside of the vehicle's driver's side window during the restricted hours as noted above. A resolution imposing these restrictions is included for Council's consideration as Attachment 2 to this report.

The affected streets will be posted in advance to allow towing consistent with Section 22507 of the California Vehicle Code. Vehicles found parked on any of the streets in the University 1-2 neighborhoods during the restricted times, not displaying the appropriate parking permit, will be subject to ticketing and/or towing. In lieu of towing, citations are preferably issued for vehicles in violation of the resolution unless the vehicle is parked in an unsafe condition as defined in Section 22500 of the California Vehicle Code or has already received a citation for the same violation within the previous 24 hours.

A total of four electronic message boards will also be deployed in several entrances into the University 1 and 2 neighborhoods to provide added and visible notification of the parking restrictions.

An outreach effort will be coordinated by the City's Community Relations Division, and may include social media notifications, email, press releases, an article in the Monarch Press, postings on Nextdoor, and updates to the City's website.

Households will be mailed two parking permits. Staff have an accurate mailing list for the entire area, based on information from past events and residents' comments. Additionally, Girsh Park management will receive parking permits to distribute to their participating programming organizations.

On Monday morning following Deltopia, Public Works staff will also go through the identified neighborhoods to address trash or debris in the streets.

GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:

The restrictions are meant to ensure the safety of students and the broader community during the annual unsanctioned event. This program aligns with the City of Goleta's strategic plan to support public safety and the quality of life of the community. The parking restrictions serve as a deterrent for vehicles parking in the neighborhood where individuals return, creating a nuisance to the community. Additionally, this program ensures that community activities at Girsh Park may proceed uninterrupted due to additional vehicles parking in the area.

City-Wide Strategy: 2. Support Community Vitality and Enhanced Recreational Opportunities

Strategic Goal: 2.2 Support programs that enhance quality of life in the Goleta community such as recreation, public safety, human services, and cultural arts.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The City's adopted Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget includes \$30,000 in account 101-60-6100-54006 (Special Event Response) which is intended to cover related expenses for the Fall Halloween event and the Spring Deltopia event. These costs include the printing and mailing of parking permits to residents in the restricted area, posting signs throughout

the neighborhoods, and the placement of four electronic message boards at the entrances to the neighborhoods.

The additional law enforcement presence in the City related to the upcoming Deltopia event will be covered within the City's Deputy Sheriff Service Unit contract model, without incurring additional charges related to overtime.

All tow costs of vehicles parked in violation will be borne by the registered owner(s) of any vehicles towed.

Deltopia Parking Restrictions, Fiscal Year 2025/26					
Fund Type	Account	FY 25/26 Current Budget	YTD Actuals	Amount Required for Deltopia Event	Total Available Budget
General	101-60-6100- 54006	\$30,000	\$10,417	\$14,000	\$19,583
Total		\$30,000	\$10,417	\$14,000	\$19,583

ALTERNATIVES:

The City may choose not to enact the proposed parking restrictions and address neighborhood parking impacts and disturbances associated by responding to citizen complaint calls based on priority of calls and officer availability.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Map of Proposed Restricted Area
2. Resolution No. 26 - entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing Temporary On-Street Parking Restrictions Related to the 2026 Isla Vista Deltopia Event"

ATTACHMENT 1

Map of Proposed Restricted Area

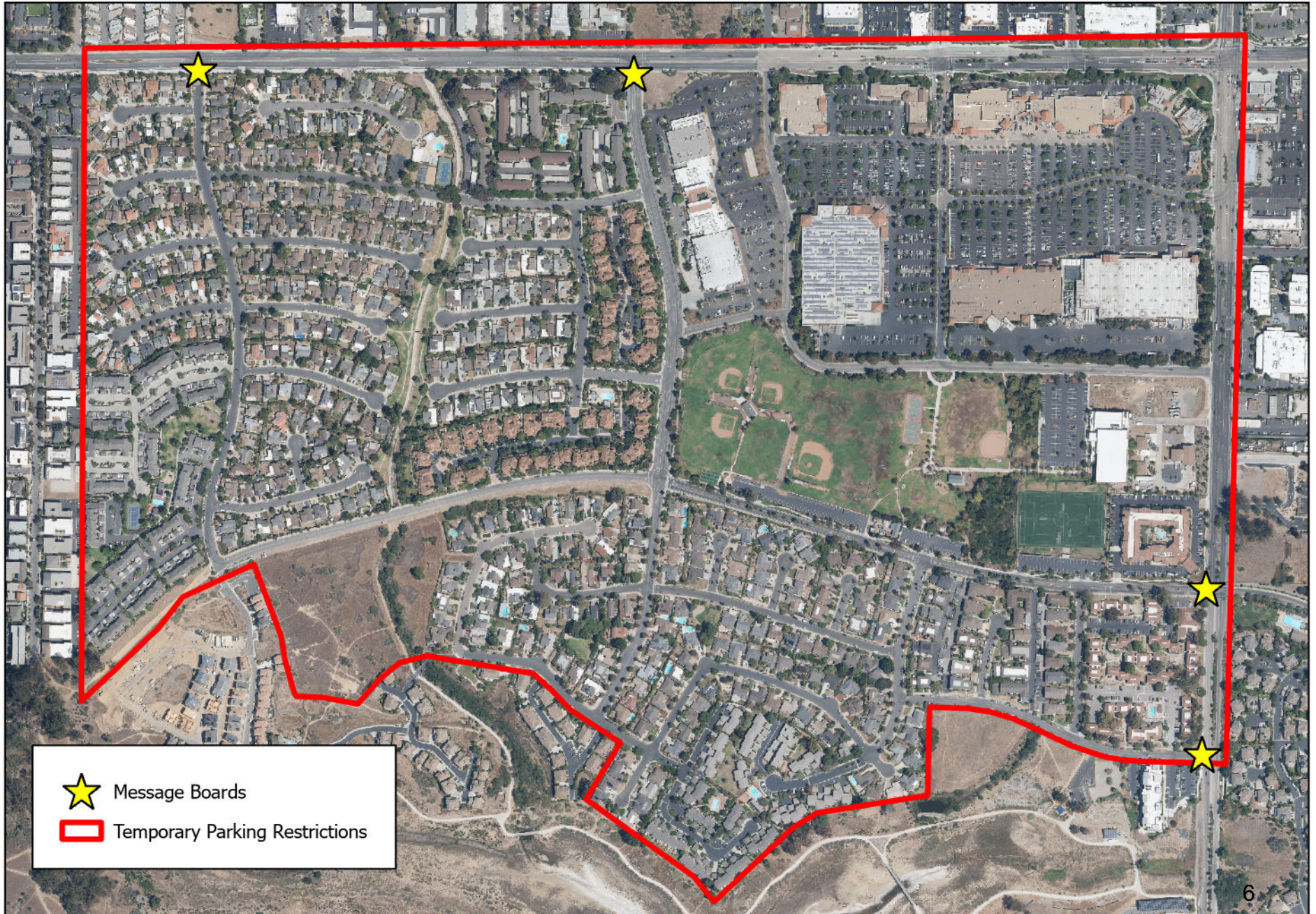


City of Goleta Temporary Parking Restrictions Area Map for Noticing

Hollister Avenue

Storke Road - no signs before Phelps

Cannon Green Drive and all of
the cul-de-sacs associated



ATTACHMENT 2

Resolution No. 26 - entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing Temporary On-Street Parking Restrictions Related to the 2026 Isla Vista Deltopia Event"

RESOLUTION NO. 26-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO THE 2026 ISLA VISTA DELTOPIA EVENT

WHEREAS, Section 21351 of the California Vehicle Code authorizes the City to place and maintain, or cause to be placed and maintained, such appropriate signs, signals or traffic control devices upon streets and highways as may be necessary to properly indicate and carry out the provisions of the Vehicle Code or local traffic ordinances, or to warn or guide traffic; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22507 (a) authorizes the City, by resolution, to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles on certain streets during all or certain hours of the day and grant preferential parking privileges to residents adjacent to the streets for their use; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22507 (a) further authorizes the issuance of permits to residents to exempt them from a parking prohibition; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22507 (b) further authorizes the issuance of permits to organizations and designated groups to exempt them from a parking prohibition; and

WHEREAS, residents of the unincorporated community of Isla Vista and others have historically organized and engaged in unpermitted assembly and street partying attended by thousands of residents and visitors that has included excessive and illegal use of alcohol which has not been successfully restrained by residents or governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated community of Isla Vista does not have adequate parking or infrastructure to support the number of people who have attended such events and as a result have historically parked in the University 1 and University 2 neighborhoods of Goleta to attend such events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta and the residents of the University 1 and University 2 neighborhoods have suffered impacts from these Isla Vista events by non-residents who take all available on-street parking eliminating resident parking; who park in a manner to block driveways and streets; who cause loud disturbances throughout the night; who litter through the neighborhoods; who damage and vandalize property; and who create other nuisances; and

WHEREAS, parking permits will be issued to residents in the affected area and to community members participating in activities at Girsh Park; and

WHEREAS, citations are preferably issued for vehicles in violation of the resolution unless the vehicle is parked in an unsafe condition as defined in Section 22500 of the California Vehicle Code or has already received a citation for the same violation within the previous 24 hours.

WHEREAS, the City desires to implement temporary parking restrictions on the following dates and times in an effort to minimize the burden of Isla Vista events on the City of Goleta and the University 1 and 2 neighborhoods:

April 3rd Friday noon – April 5th Sunday 7:00 AM

WHEREAS, the City desires to implement temporary parking restrictions on the following dates and times in an effort to minimize the burden of Isla Vista events on the City of Goleta and the University 1 and 2 neighborhoods:

April 10th Friday noon – April 12th Sunday 7:00 AM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Between the following hours:

April 3rd Friday noon – April 5th Sunday 7:00 AM

Parking on the following roadways shall be prohibited:

Cannon Green Drive from Hollister Avenue to Phelps Rd;

the entirety of Chapman Place;

the entirety of Lowell Way;

Davenport Road from Pacific Oaks to its western terminus;

the entirety of Elmhurst Place;

the entirety of Freeman Place;

the entirety of Greensboro Street;

the entirety of Hillsboro Way;

the entirety of Hillsboro Street;

the entirety of Evanston Place;

the entirety of Fordham Place;

the entirety of Georgetown Road;

the entirety of La Salle Road;

Pacific Oaks Road from Hollister Avenue to Marymount Way;

Phelps Road from Storke Road to Cannon Green Drive;

the entirety of Reed Court;

Armstrong Road from Mills Way to Reed Court;

Marymount Way from Scripps Crescent to Reed Court;

the entirety of Scripps Crescent;

the entirety of Pitzer Court;
the entirety of Pepperdine Court;
the entirety of Pomona Court;
the entirety of Mills Way;
the entirety of Linfield Place;
Whittier Drive from Storke Road to Mills Way;
Whitman Street from Phelps Road to Whittier Drive.

SECTION 2.

If the events in Isla Vista do not occur on the dates in Section 1, the temporary restrictions shall apply to the following dates:

April 10th Friday noon – April 12th Sunday 7:00 AM

Parking on the following roadways shall be prohibited:

Cannon Green Drive from Hollister Avenue to Phelps Rd;
the entirety of Chapman Place;
the entirety of Lowell Way;
Davenport Road from Pacific Oaks to its western terminus;
the entirety of Elmhurst Place;
the entirety of Freeman Place;
the entirety of Greensboro Street;
the entirety of Hillsboro Way;
the entirety of Hillsboro Street;
the entirety of Evanston Place;
the entirety of Fordham Place;
the entirety of Georgetown Road;
the entirety of La Salle Road;
Pacific Oaks Road from Hollister Avenue to Marymount Way;
Phelps Road from Storke Road to Cannon Green Drive;
the entirety of Reed Court;
Armstrong Road from Mills Way to Reed Court;
Marymount Way from Scripps Crescent to Reed Court;
the entirety of Scripps Crescent;
the entirety of Pitzer Court;
the entirety of Pepperdine Court;
the entirety of Pomona Court;
the entirety of Mills Way;
the entirety of Linfield Place;
Whittier Drive from Storke Road to Mills Way;
Whitman Street from Phelps Road to Whittier Drive.

SECTION 3.

The Neighborhood Services Director is authorized to issue permits to Residents and Girsh Park management in the affected neighborhoods exempting them from the prohibitions in Section 1 for parking adjacent to their property.

SECTION 4.

The Neighborhood Services Director is hereby authorized to provide for the installation and maintenance of appropriate temporary markings for the locations identified above beginning at least 72 hours prior to the restrictions taking place.

SECTION 5.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____ 2026.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ISAAC ROSEN
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the __ day of
_____, 2026 by the following roll-call vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK