



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
MEDIA RELEASE



DATE: October 19, 2023

LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Halloween 2023 Safety Enhancement Zone Designation Downtown Santa Cruz

INFORMATION:

**City to Implement Downtown Safety Enhancement Zone, Triple Fine Penalties
Halloween Weekend thru Nov 1**

SANTA CRUZ, CA — The Santa Cruz Police Department has designated a Safety Enhancement Zone in the downtown corridor for Halloween 2023. The Safety Enhancement Zone begins on Friday, October 27th at 8:00 AM and runs through Wednesday, November 1st at 8:00 AM.

The Safety Enhancement Zone designation authorizes the tripling of fees for violations of the City's municipal code, such as littering, blocking pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and public alcohol consumption.

In addition to the Triple Fines, the Safety Enhancement Zone will also dictate road closures and No Parking zones in the Downtown footprint.

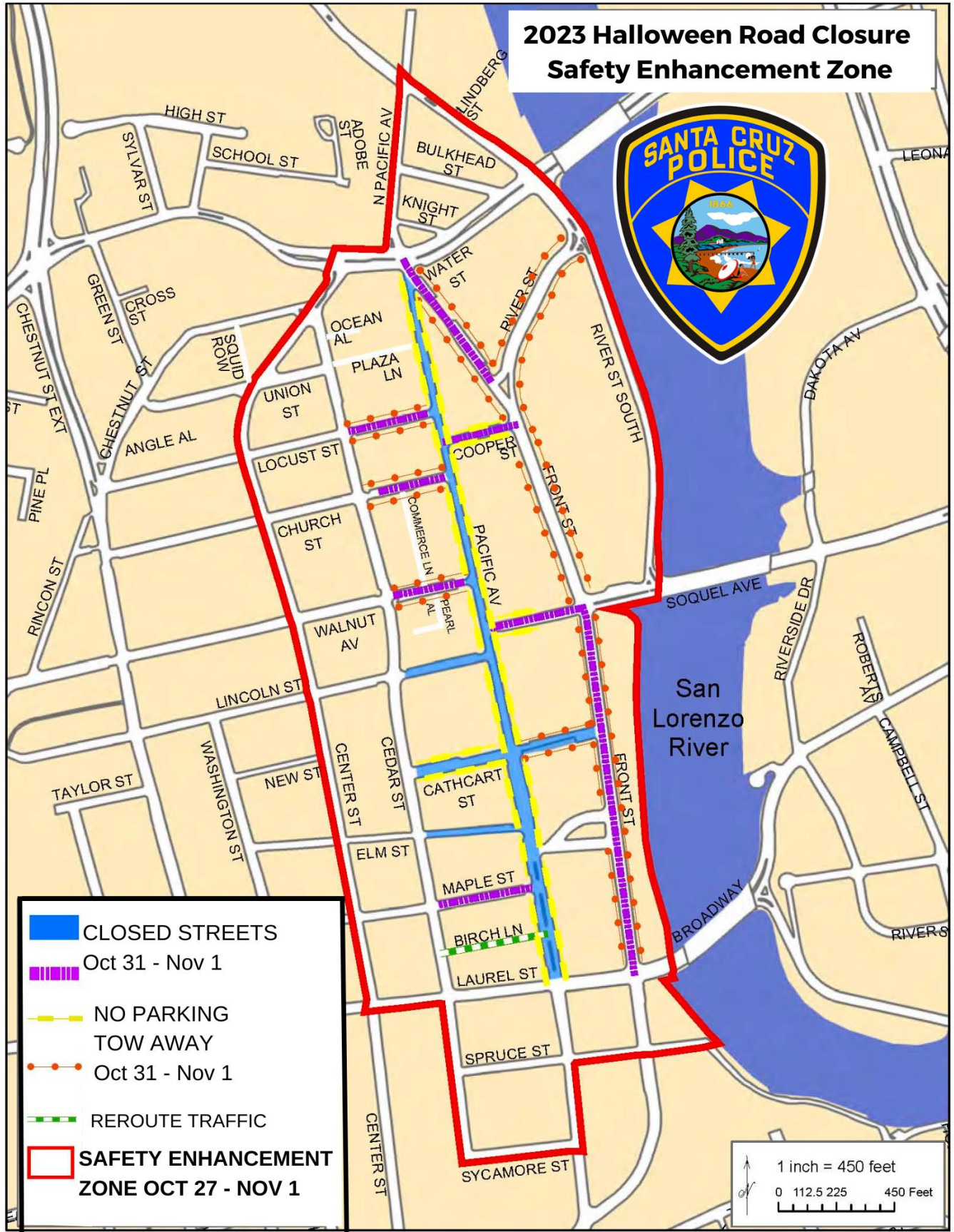
The police department will utilize over 100 uniformed police officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department and neighboring agencies to staff the event. Officers use proactive strategies to minimize problems and reduce the opportunity for alcohol-fueled problems and inappropriate behavior throughout the night.

Annually, Halloween draws large crowds downtown during the evening and late night. In addition to the additional officers, there will be increased lighting and portable restrooms throughout the downtown corridor.

Attached

- Downtown Halloween Safety Enhancement Zone Flier in English & Spanish
- Map of the Safety Enhancement Zone with Street Closures and No Parking Areas.

2023 Halloween Road Closure Safety Enhancement Zone



SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE

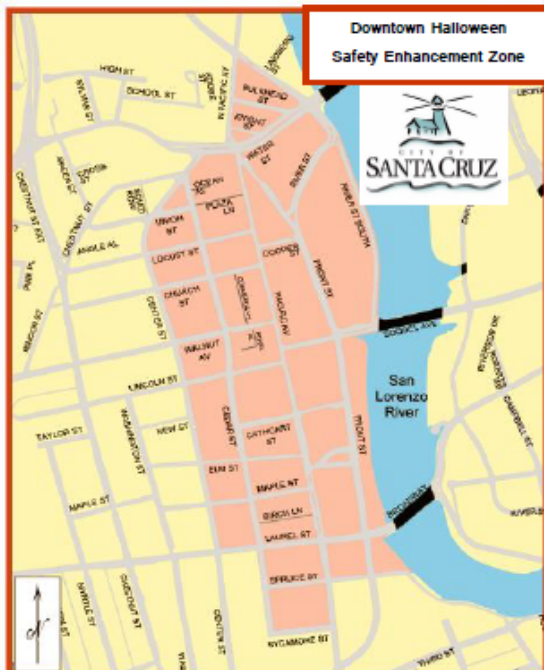


TRIPLE FINE AREA

EFFECTIVE:

5:00 p.m. Friday, October 27th to 8:00 am on Wednesday, November 1st

From Friday, October 27th at 5:00 PM and runs through Wednesday, November 1st at 8:00 AM., certain violations of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code (SCMC) will be subject to triple fines. With court costs, you could end up paying:



- Open Container/Consumption of Alcohol Beverages in Public Places = \$480
 - Urinating or Defecating in Public = \$576
 - Littering = \$288
 - Graffiti = \$576
 - Trespassing = \$576
 - Defacing Sidewalks = \$576
 - Discharge of Firearms = \$1,440
 - Noise Control = \$576
 - Abuse or Mutilation of Trees, Plants, and Lawns = \$1,056
 - Trespassing on Public Transit Facilities = \$480
 - Traffic Regulation Disobedience = \$192-\$960
 - Traffic Control Device Disobedience = \$288
 - Improper Vehicle Parking, Standing, and Stopping = \$576
- ...along with any other violations of SCMC Chapters 6.12, 6.75, 9.12, 9.20, 9.28, 9.36, 9.50, 9.60, 9.62, 10.12, 10.16, and 10.40

ZONA DE INTENSIFICACION DE SEGURIDAD



AREA DE MULTA TRIPLE

En Efecto:

5:00 pm viernes 27 de octubre a las 8:00 am del miércoles 1 de noviembre

Viernes 27 de octubre a las 5:00 p. m. y hasta el miércoles 1 de noviembre a las 8:00 a. m., ciertas violaciones del Código Municipal de Santa Cruz (SCMC) estarán sujetas a multas triples. Con los costos de corte, usted pudiera terminar pagando:

- Tirar Basura en Áreas Publicas = \$288
 - Graffiti = \$576
 - Traspasar = \$576
 - Daño a la Acera = \$576
 - Disparar Armas de Fuego = \$1,440
 - Control de Ruido = \$576
 - Orinar en Áreas Publicas = \$576
 - Recipiente Abierto/Consumo de Bebidas Alcohólicas en Áreas Publicas = \$480
 - Traspasar Instalaciones de Transito Publico = \$480
 - Desobediencia a los Aparatos de Control de Tráfico = \$288
 - Estacionamiento o Detenimiento Inapropiado de Vehículos = \$576
 - Abuso o Mutilación de Árboles, Plantas, y/o Césped = \$1,056
 - Desobediencia a las Regulaciones De Trafico = \$192-\$960
- ...así como otras violaciones del SCMC Capítulos 6.12, 6.75, 9.12, 9.20, 9.28, 9.36, 9.50, 9.60, 9.62, 10.12, 10.16, y 10.40

This Halloween...PLAY SMART and STAY SOBER.

