

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM
EXTENSION
STAFF PRESENTER: ANN HARGREAVES, RESEARCH AND PROGRAM
COORDINATOR

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE(S)

Shall City Council, by resolution, authorize the extension of Santa Rosa's participation in the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program?



COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIES

Relates to Council Goal 6: Commit to Making Santa Rosa a Healthy Community Where People Feel Safe to Live, Work, and Play.

BACKGROUND

In 1990, the California State Legislature enacted legislation allowing for the creation of a county-based vehicle service authority, pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code Sections 22710 and 9250.7. In 1995, the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority (Authority) was formed and a one dollar annual vehicle registration fee was assigned to vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the County of Sonoma. The purpose of the Authority is the abatement of the costs incurred by its members for the removal and disposal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles.

Vehicle registration fees are collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and allocated to the County of Sonoma by the State Controller's Office pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 9250.7. Fees are then allocated to the Authority which apportions its revenue to members according to their population percentage and the number of vehicles removed or disposed of. The current participating members are the County of Sonoma, the Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and the Town of Windsor.

The Santa Rosa City Council passed Resolution No. 22142 on March 28, 1995 approving the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program until 2005.

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The Santa Rosa City Council passed Resolution No. 26120 on November 23, 2004 extending the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program until April 30, 2015.

ANALYSIS

The current Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is set to expire on April 30, 2015. New State legislation allows the local service authorities to extend the program every 10 years with the approval of the County, and Sonoma County participating agencies are taking similar action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Police Department that the City Council, by resolution, authorize the extension of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program until June 30, 2025, and authorize the City Manager to execute agreements and amendments associated with the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority on behalf of the City of Santa Rosa.

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Attachments: None