

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JOHN CREGAN, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM
EXTENSION

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Police Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the 10-year extension of the Santa Rosa Police Departments participation in the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program, through June 30, 2035, and delegate authority to the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute all agreements and amendments with the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposed resolution authorizes the Santa Rosa Police Department to continue participating in the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program until June 30, 2035. This program provides funding to the City for costs incurred for the removal and disposal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles.

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.

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

The Santa Rosa City Council passed Resolution No. 28543 on August 26, 2014 extending the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program until June 30, 2025.

ANALYSIS

The current Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is set to expire on June 30, 2025. 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.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

March 28, 1995
November 23, 2004
August 26, 2014

FISCAL IMPACT

The extension of this program will continue to provide the annual revenue of an estimated \$150,000 to remove and dispose of abandoned vehicles.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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