



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Extension

MEETING DATE: September 6, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: David Gutierrez, Police Captain

REVIEWED BY: Chris Karrer, Police Chief

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt a resolution to extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program and service fees collected on behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority until May 31, 2034.

DISCUSSION

In August 2010, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2010-80, which was necessary under the provisions of the California Vehicle Code, to provide procedures for the removal of abandoned vehicles. The service fees associated with the removal of abandoned vehicles are imposed by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) through a charge added to the costs of registration of motor vehicles located in Riverside County.

The Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority has been the recipient of service fees collected by the DMV. Those fees, in turn, are used to reimburse local governmental agencies for a portion of their costs incurred as a result of the abatement, removal and disposal as public nuisances of any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles.

Since the establishment of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority in June 1994, it has disbursed \$35,128,331 in service fee proceeds to member agencies and caused the abatement of approximately 189,776 vehicles throughout Riverside County.

The current Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is set to terminate in May of 2024. California Vehicle Code § 9250.7 allows for an extension of the service fees collected as part of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program in increments of up to ten years. Approval of an extension requires affirmative votes by the County Board of Supervisors and a majority of the

cities' in the program area. Following that process, the attached proposed resolution complies with the request by the County of Riverside to extend the service fee through May 31, 2034.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. The extension would allow the City to continue to receive reimbursements for the costs of abatement by the California State Controller's Office on a quarterly basis.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution