



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Christina Taylor, Deputy City Manager
DATE: November 15, 2022
SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Extending Participation in the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program

Description The County of Riverside, which administers the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program, has requested adoption of an updated resolution extending the City of Beaumont's participation in the AVA program through May 31, 2024.

Background and Analysis:

The City currently participates in the County of Riverside's AVA program through which Code Enforcement receives support and reimbursement for eligible program needs and expenses. Acceptance of staff's recommendation will continue to allow the City of Beaumont to remove and dispose of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles, and be reimbursed through the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority for staff time and costs incurred by the City in the abatement of these vehicles.

In 1990, the California State Legislature enacted legislation allowing for the creation of county-based vehicle service authorities, pursuant to the provisions of Vehicle Code Section 22710. In June 1994, the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority was formed and imposed a one-dollar vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered to all owners with addresses in the County of Riverside.

Vehicle registration fees are collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and allocated to Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority by the State Controller pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 9250.7. Fees are then allocated to 24 participating entities on the basis of the size and population of each entity in relation to the total size and population of Riverside County, and on the basis of a percentage of the vehicles abated by each entity in relation to the total vehicles abated by the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority as a whole. The current 24 entities are the County of Riverside, and the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs,

Hemet, Indio, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, and Temecula.

Since the inception of the program, the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority has disbursed \$22,952,216, to participating cities for reimbursement of staff time in the abatement of approximately 146,561 abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles. The City of Beaumont received for Fiscal Year (FY) 22 \$10,985, FY21 \$15,214 and FY20 \$10,358 in reimbursements from the AVA program.

The current service authority program is scheduled to sunset in May 2024. Senate Bill 106 (SB 106), chaptered on August 13, 2001, allows local agencies to extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority program every 10 years with the approval of the county and a majority of the cities comprising a majority of the population of the incorporated areas.

A majority of the 24 participating cities are currently in the process of adopting their respective resolutions approving the 10-year extension of the Service Authority. Adoption of the attached resolution is the first step of this important program that is necessary prior to submitting the Service Authority extension package to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for their review and approval.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this staff report is approximately \$250. The City receives reimbursement annually from the AVA program.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, Authorizing the Extension of the Service Fee Collected on Behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority until May 2024.”

Attachments:

- A. Resolution