



DATE: April 18, 2023
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program with Alameda County Until May 31, 2033

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the City Manager to extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program with Alameda County until May 31, 2033.

SUMMARY

The City of Hayward participates in the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program created by Alameda County, which subsidizes the removal of abandoned vehicles from City neighborhoods. The City's participation was authorized through approved resolutions in 1993, 2003, and 2013. The current program is set to expire at the end of May 2023 and a renewed resolution will extend the City's participation in the program until May 2033.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In 1990, the California State Legislature enacted legislation allowing for the creation of county-based vehicle service authorities, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 22710 of the California Vehicle Code (VC). In 1993, the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority (ALCO AVA) was formed and imposed a one-dollar annual vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the County of Alameda.

Vehicle registration fees are collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and allocated to the ALCO AVA by the State Controller's Office pursuant to Section 9250.7 VC. Fees are then allocated to the ALCO AVA participating agencies based on an adopted formula involving their individual percentage of vehicles abated, population, and land area in relation to the totals for these factors in the ALCO AVA as a whole. The current participating agencies are the County of Alameda, and all the Alameda County cities *except* Albany and Emeryville. Since the inception of the program, the Alameda County AVA has received approximately \$34.8 million, which has allowed staff in the participating agencies to abate approximately 465,000 abandoned vehicles.

Participation in this program was authorized through approved resolutions in 1993, 2003, and 2013. Continued participation through 2033 requires approval of the attached resolution.

California legislation allows local service authorities to extend the AVA program every ten years with the approval of the County and most of the cities comprising a majority of the population of the incorporated areas. Adoption of the attached resolution is the first step towards the extension of this important program, for another ten years, until May 31, 2033.

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

This agenda item is a routine operational item and does not relate to any of the priorities outlined in the Council's Strategic Roadmap.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. This agreement will result in the continuation of the City's participation in the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program to subsidize the removal of abandoned vehicles from City neighborhoods.

NEXT STEPS

With Council approval, staff will provide the approved resolution to Alameda County to continue participation in the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program.

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