

TOWN OF WINDSOR AGENDA REPORT

Joint Windsor Town Council, Windsor Redevelopment Successor Agency and Windsor Water District Meeting Date: September 18, 2024

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Gregory Piccinini, Chief of Police
Subject: Resolution Supporting the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority's Extension of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Fee Program until April 30, 2035

Recommendation to Council:

Adopt a resolution supporting the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority's extension of the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Fee Program until April 30, 2035, and extending an agreement with the Service Authority regarding the same.

Strategic Plan Element:

The recommended action supports the goals of Fiscal Health and Organizational Effectiveness. Goal Statement: Ensure the economic health and long-term financial viability of the Town. Goal Statement: Achieve a high performing organization by nurturing an engaged workforce committed to a shared vision of public service.

Background:

The Town of Windsor has been an active member of the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority (SCAVASA) since its inception. The program is required to be renewed every 10 years, and the current program is set to expire in April 2025. To renew our membership in the program, Permit Sonoma requires a city/town resolution renewing our participation by October 1, 2024.

The Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority (SCAVASA) is a State funded program that is administered and facilitated by the County's "Permit Sonoma" branch. This program was created in 1995 for the purpose of assisting cities and counties with the financial responsibility of towing abandoned vehicles. The program is run by the county with input from all the participating agencies within the county.

The day-to-day functions are run by Permit Sonoma, however all major decisions are discussed and agreed upon at yearly meetings by the participating agencies. Each agency is responsible for completing quarterly reports that quantify all vehicles that have been towed and or marked for abatement. Based on the quarterly reports, partial re-imbursement is provided to the agency.

California Vehicle Code section 22710(a) authorizes the formation of a service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles and the imposition of a one dollar vehicle registration fee, if the board of supervisors of the County, by a 2/3 vote, and a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the county have adopted a resolution providing for the establishment of the authority and the imposition of the fee. Such a service authority has existed in Sonoma County since 1995. The abandoned vehicle abatement fee imposed by that authority has contributed \$301,826.30 since July 1, 2008, for the abatement of 1,818 abandoned vehicles in the Town of Windsor. The fees

from the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Fee Program are distributed to Windsor pursuant to an agreement with the Service Authority.

California Vehicle Code Section 9250.7(h) allows each California county to extend their sunset date for the program in 10-year increments. Each county, however, is required to submit a new resolution to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) formally requesting the extension. In order to submit this resolution, each county must get a separate resolution from participating cities within their county requesting the extension of their separate resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

The Town of Windsor receives monies from the Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Fee Program, thus offsetting the costs of enforcing abandoned vehicles. The Sonoma County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Fee Program will be the funding source for the program as in years past.

Environmental Review:

The recommended action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Attachment(s):

[1. Resolution](#)

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