



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

August 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Adoption of resolution 33-21 extending the abandoned vehicle abatement program.

PREPARED BY: Damiean Sylvester, Police Chief

Recommendation

Staff recommends the adoption of this resolution extending the Yuba County Service Authority for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program thru Aril 2023.

Background

In 1990, the California State legislature enacted legislation allowing for the creation of a county-based vehicle service authority for the abatement of nuisance vehicles. In 1991, pursuant to Section 22710 of the California Vehicle code, the Yuba County Service Authority for the Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles was formed. The service Authority is comprised of the County of Yuba and the Cities of Wheatland and Marysville.

In 1992, an annual fee of one or two dollars was imposed on eligible vehicles that are registered in the County of Yuba. Pursuant to Section 9250.7 of the California Vehicle Code, registration fees are collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and allocated to the Service Authority by the State Controller's Office. Fees are then distributed to the Service Authority's participating agencies based on each agency's population as a percentage of the total population of the County and also based on the number of vehicles abated by each entity as a percentage of the total number of vehicles abated by the Service Authority. During the current nineteen-year operational period (2002-2021) the City of Wheatland has received in excess of \$115,000 as a result of city staff abating over 900 nuisance vehicles.

The current program is set to expire in April 2022. Legislation allows the local vehicle service authority to extend the program every ten years with the approval of the county and a majority of the member agencies. Both Yuba County and the City of Marysville are preparing similar resolutions and we anticipate their passage. Adoption of the attached resolution is the first step towards the extension of this important program.

Alternatives

The Council could provide direction to staff to withdraw its participation in the Yuba County Service Authority for the Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles.

Fiscal Impact

There is no financial impact to the General Fund.

Attachments

1. RESO 33-21

RESOLUTION NO. 33-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND
REQUESTING THE ABANDONED VEHICLE PROGRAM BE EXTENDED UNTIL
APRIL 2032**

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Service Authority for the Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles was formed in 1999; and

WHEREAS, since 2002 the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program has abated over 900 vehicles in the City of Wheatland; and

WHEREAS, the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is set to expire in April 2022;
and

WHEREAS, state legislation allows for a ten year extension of the program with the approval of the County and a majority of the cities comprising a majority of the population of the incorporated cities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the City of Wheatland to continue with a Vehicle Abatement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND THAT:

The City of Wheatland does hereby request the Abandoned Vehicle program be extended until April 2032.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Wheatland at a meeting thereof held on the 24th day of August 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

By: _____
Rick West, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Lisa J. Thomason, City Clerk