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DATE: June 4, 2024
TO: City Council
FROM: Rebecca Callen, City Administrator
RE: **APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-48 APPROVING THE CONTINUED \$1.00 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE SUPPORTING THE ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the resolution to extend the AVA Fee for an additional ten (10) years.
2. Direct the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Board no later than June 5, 2024, to initiate the process of obtaining voter approval.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Angels City Council has been addressing the issue of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles and their associated parts as public nuisances in the community for several years. The Abandoned Vehicle Authority (AVA) was established in accordance with sections 22710 and 9250.7 of the California Vehicle Code. The AVA has been funded through a registration fee imposed on vehicles registered in Calaveras County and certain commercial vehicles, commonly referred to as the AVA Fee. The AVA Fee is essential for abating, removing, and disposing of these nuisance vehicles on both private and public property, with the primary goal of combatting neighborhood blight and decay.

In July 2012, the City of Angels City Council adopted Resolution No. 12-16, which extended the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program.

DISCUSSION:

Resolution: The City Council is being presented with a resolution for consideration, which proposes to **extend** the AVA Fee for an additional ten (10) years. This extension is essential to continue funding the abatement and removal of abandoned vehicles in the community.

Senate Bill 106, Chapter 175 of the Statutes of 2001, amended California Vehicle Code sections 22710 and 9250.7, allowing for the extension of the AVA Fee in increments of up to 10 years. Senate Bill 106 requires the County's Board of Supervisors, by a two-thirds vote, to adopt resolutions approving such an extension. However, Proposition 26, adopted by California voters in 2010, redefined the AVA Fee as a special tax, subject to voter approval.



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State law now mandates that any measure to extend the AVA Fee be submitted to the voters of Calaveras County for their approval. The Board of Supervisors is authorized to call a county-wide election for this purpose.

The current AVA Fee is set to sunset on June 30, 2023. If the fee is not extended, both the County and the City of Angels will be unable to recover a significant portion of the costs associated with abating nuisance vehicles. Consequently, this would result in an inability to continue the AVA program after all existing funds are exhausted.

This resolution is vital to continue the successful abatement of abandoned vehicles, ensuring the community remains free from neighborhood blight and decay. The extension of this existing fee will provide the necessary resources to maintain the important work carried out by the AVA program and support our Police Department and Code Compliance Department in their efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None so long as the extension is approved by the voters of Calaveras County and the City of Angels.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 24-48



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