



STAFF REPORT
12/13/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Rene Rosales, Code Compliance Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-82, Approval of Towing Services For Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles Pursuant to the City's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2023-82, approving of towing services for inoperable and abandoned vehicles pursuant to the city's abandoned vehicle abatement program that includes:

1. Approval of Silverado Towing for the removal of abandoned and inoperable vehicles
2. Authorization of the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

BACKGROUND:

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.

The City of Coachella has been a member of the service authority since July 2012; the City of Coachella has received approximately \$696,565 in disbursements from the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority for code compliance officers' staff time in abating abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles within the City.

Discussion/Analysis:

Pursuant to the vehicle disposal strategies outlined in California Vehicle Code Sections 22662 and 22851.3, each jurisdiction must have a contractual agreement for the removal and disposal of abandoned, wrecked or inoperable vehicles to a facility operated by licensed auto dismantlers or scrap iron processors. Silverado Towing meets the requirements outlined in the vehicle code to remove and dispose such type of vehicles. Silverado Towing is an approved business by the

California Highway Patrol and other local law enforcement agencies for towing services. Therefore, staff recommends the City Council approve Silverado Towing for towing services to remove abandoned and inoperable vehicles as authorized in City of Coachella Municipal Code Chapter 10.20.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City; the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority will reimburse the city for all fees under the program guidelines.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-82 as proposed.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-82 with additional City Council recommendations/modifications.
3. Deny Resolution No. 2023-82.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative #1

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2023-82 Approving Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Towing Service