



**STAFF REPORT**  
**3/8/2023**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Rene Rosales, Code Compliance Manager

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-14, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, Authorizing the Extension of the Service Fee Collected on behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority until May 2034

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2023-14 authorizing the extension of the service fee collected on behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority until May 2034.

**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 (AVA) was formed and imposed a one-dollar vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the County of Riverside.

Within the last ten (10) years, the City of Coachella has received approximately \$583,775.28 in disbursements from the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority to help fund the cost of abating abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles.

Vehicle registration fees are collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and allocated to Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority by the State Controller pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 9250.7. Fees are then allocated to participating entities based on the size and population of each entity in relation to the total size and population of Riverside County, and based on a percentage of the vehicles abated by each entity in relation to the total vehicles abated by the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority as a whole.

The current program is set to expire in May 2024. New legislation allows the local authorities to extend the programs every 10 years with the approval of the county and a majority of the cities comprising a majority of the population of the incorporated areas. Adoption of the attached resolution is the first step toward the extension of this important program.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

The Code Enforcement Division relies on the resources of the AVA program to remove and dispose of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles, and be reimbursed through the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority for staff time and costs incurred by the city in the abatement of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled and inoperative vehicles.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact with the approval of Resolution No. 2023-14. This is the first step in the process toward the extension of the AVA program. There is the continued potential for the income from the program to help fund the abatement of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperable vehicles.

**RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-14 extending the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program until May 14, 2034.