

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.

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority was formed on or about June 1, 1994, pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code §§ 9950.7 and 22710 enacted by the Legislature in 1990 which authorize the establishment of a service authority and imposition of a service fee on all registered motor vehicles located within a county; and

WHEREAS, beginning in June 1994 and continuing to the present, the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority has been the recipient of service fees collected on its behalf by the California Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the service fees received by the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority are used to reimburse local governmental agencies for a portion of their costs incurred as a result of the abatement, removal and disposal as public nuisances of any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority apportions and distributes service fee proceeds to each member agency according to the formula set forth in California Vehicle Code §§ 22710; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program in June 1994, it has disbursed \$22,952,216 in service fee proceeds to member agencies and caused the abatement of approximately 146,561 abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles located in various cities and the unincorporated area of Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, the service fee collected as part of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority program is set to expire in May 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recently amended California Vehicle Code § 9250.7 to allow for an extension of the service fee collected as part of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program in increments of up to 10 years each if the board of supervisors of the county, by a two-thirds vote, and a majority of the cities comprising a majority of the population of the incorporated areas within the county adopt resolutions providing for the extension of the service fee; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to the City of Coachella to have the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program continue beyond its current termination date of May 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Coachella, California approves the extension of the service fee collected on behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority until May 14, 2034.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Coachella City Council held on this 8th day of March 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos
City Attorney