



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Chief of Police, Joe Vlach

SUBJECT: First Reading of Ordinance No.2025-XX Amending Chapter 10.32 of the Orland Municipal Code Relating to Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled, and Inoperative Vehicles (Discussion/Action)

BACKGROUND:

The City of Orland's current ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles (Chapter 10.32 of the Municipal Code) is outdated and does not fully comply with current California Vehicle Code requirements. The accumulation and storage of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, and inoperative vehicles on private and public property creates conditions that:

- Reduce property values
- Promote blight and deterioration
- Invite plundering and vandalism
- Create fire hazards
- Harbor rodents and insects
- Are injurious to the health, safety, and general welfare of the community

The State of California, under Section 22660 et seq. of the California Vehicle Code, has authorized local agencies to remove abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof as public nuisances.

ANALYSIS:

The proposed ordinance amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Updates Definitions and Procedures - The ordinance clarifies definitions and establishes clear procedures for the abatement of vehicle nuisances in compliance with current state law.

2. Partnership with Glenn County - The City has partnered with Glenn County to participate in their established Service Authority for Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (SAAV) program. This partnership will provide the City with access to funding through the \$1 vehicle registration fee authorized under California Vehicle Code Section 22710 and 9250.7.

3. Administrative Cost Recovery - The accompanying resolution establishes administrative fees to recover the City's costs associated with vehicle abatement procedures, including staff time for investigations, notice preparation and mailing, hearing administration, and coordination with contractors.

4. Due Process Protections - The ordinance maintains strong due process protections, including:

- Ten-day notice requirements to property owners and vehicle owners
- Right to request a hearing
- Opportunity to submit written statements denying responsibility
- Clear appeals process

5. Expedited Removal Provisions - In specific circumstances where vehicles present immediate threats to public health or safety, the ordinance provides for expedited removal with appropriate safeguards.

FISCAL IMPACT

The vehicle abatement program will be funded through:

1. Glenn County SAAV funding allocation based on the City's proportionate share of registered vehicles
2. Administrative fees assessed to property owners for abatement services
3. Cost recovery through property tax assessment liens when necessary

The program is designed to be cost-neutral to the City's General Fund. Administrative fees will be set at levels sufficient to recover actual costs incurred by the City in providing abatement services.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-XX

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Conduct the first reading of Ordinance No.2025-XX amending Chapter 10.32 of the Orland Municipal Code relating to abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, and inoperative vehicles.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.