



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 25, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services
 Subject: Extension of the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the extension of the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (Alco AVA) Program until May 31, 2033, and directing the City Manager to take any actions necessary, including executing any resultant agreements, to extend this program and secure related funding.

SUMMARY

The current program is set to expire at the end of May 2023. New legislation allows the local service 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 towards the extension of this important program.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Extension of the Alco AVA Program will allow continued funding for an additional ten-year period to the City's Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services' Environmental Health Division (HHCS/EH) to address and abate abandoned vehicles on private property. The revenue will be deposited into Fund 161. In the past, the City has received about \$100,000 per year from this source.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Vehicle registration fees are collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles and allocated to Alameda County by the State Controller's Office pursuant to Section 9250.7 VC. Fees are then allocated to the Alco AVA's participating agencies based on an adopted formula involving their individual percentage of vehicles abated, population, and land area in relation to the totals for these factors in the Alco AVA as a whole. The current participating agencies are the County of Alameda, and all other Alameda County cities *except* Albany and Emeryville.

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BACKGROUND

In 1990, the California State Legislature enacted legislation allowing for the creation of county-based vehicle service authorities, pursuant to the provisions of Section 22710 VC. In 1993, the Alco AVA was formed and imposed a one-dollar annual vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the County of Alameda.

Since the inception of the program almost 30 years ago, the Alco AVA has received approximately \$34.8 million, which has allowed staff in the participating agencies to abate approximately 465,000 abandoned vehicles.

HHCS/EH receives funding from this program to pay for various program-related expenses. This includes staffing and program-related equipment; including a vehicle and other technical equipment and supplies to conduct abandoned vehicle abatement efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approving the attached resolution affirms the City of Berkeley's commitment to the Alco AVA program, thereby enabling its extension to fund abandoned vehicle abatement in Berkeley through May 2033.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could choose not to participate in the Alco AVA program, which would result in a loss of funding for abandoned vehicle abatement, and could jeopardize the rest of the County's ability to continue the program. Staff do not recommend this approach.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. –N.S.

APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY ABANDONED
VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM UNTIL MAY 31, 2033

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority was formed in 1993 and the City of Berkeley is an active member; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority and Program has provided approximately \$34.8 million county-wide which has supported the participating agencies in the abatement of approximately 465,000 abandoned vehicles in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is set to expire May 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, new legislation allows for an extension of the Program with the approval of the County and a majority of the cities comprising a majority of the population of the incorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the City of Berkeley to have the program continue in order to maintain vehicle abatement efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it approves the ten-year extension of the Alameda County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program through May 31, 2033, and directs the City Manager to take any actions necessary, including executing any resultant agreements, to extend this Program and secure related funding. A record signature of said Resolution to be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

