

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-4711**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, 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**, during the 2019-2022 fiscal years, the City of Murrieta has towed approximately 59 abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles using the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program and recovered \$21,148.67 in service fees;

**WHEREAS**, the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program also gives the City of Murrieta the right to participate in the Tipping Fee Program. Without participation in the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program, the City of Murrieta is not eligible for the cost recovery from the Tipping Fee Program. During the 2019-2022 fiscal years, the Tipping Fee Program has provided \$69,867.00 in cost recovery for vehicle abatements and graffiti abatements;

**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 approves the extension, 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 for the City of Murrieta to have the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program continue beyond its current termination date of May 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:** to approve the extension of the service fee collected on behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority until May 14, 2034.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17th day of October, 2023.

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Lisa DeForest, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Tiffany Israel, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE )§  
CITY OF MURRIETA )

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 23-4711 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Murrieta at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 17th day of October, 2023, and was signed by the Mayor of the said City, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk