

RESOLUTIONS

CITY COUNCIL
April 23, 2002

To: Mayor and City Council
From: George J. Rodericks, City Manager

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 2002-2590
ORANGE COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR
ABANDONED VEHICLES

BACKGROUND

Sections 22710 and 9250.7 of the California Vehicle Code provides for the establishment and continuation of a service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles if the Board of Supervisors of the County, by a two-thirds vote, and a majority of the cities within the county having a majority of the incorporated population adopt resolutions providing for the establishment and continuation of such an authority.

FINDINGS

In 1991, the Orange County Service Authority for Abandoned Vehicles ("SAAV"), administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority was established in accordance with Vehicle Code Section 22710 and designated to implement an abandoned vehicle removal program in the Orange County region. In 2001, the Governor signed SB 106 into law. SB 106 authorizes the extension of the one-dollar (\$1) DMV vehicle registration surcharge for this program in 10-year increments given the resolutions in support from a majority of the cities within the county having a majority of the incorporated population and, by a two-thirds vote of the County Board of Supervisors.

Since its inception in Orange County, the SAAV program has provided approximately \$17.5 million to Orange County cities and the County of Orange, and has resulted in the removal of more than 240,000 vehicles from public and private property in Orange County. During Fiscal-Year 2000-2001, year-to-date totals for Orange County showed that cities and the county requested \$1,974,832 through SAAV against \$1,511,864 in total revenues, which illustrates the popularity of the program.

The City uses the Orange County Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol for the removal of inoperative or abandoned vehicles. Article 6-4 of the Villa Park Municipal Code defines abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperable vehicles as public nuisances. Costs for removal can be assessed against the owner of record. Agencies used by the City for removal of vehicles may access funds allocated for the City of Villa Park. A countywide abandoned vehicle abatement program provides for

removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles and assists law enforcement and code enforcement personnel in abatement of abandoned vehicles throughout Orange County.

Continuance in the SAAV allows the City to receive its proportional share of the California vehicle registration fee for the purpose of abating and removing abandoned vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT

For Fiscal-Year 2000-2001 there was approximately \$2,700 in the City's account with the Orange County Transportation Authority under the SAAV program.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Villa Park adopt Resolution No. 2002-2590, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park authorizing the City's continued participation in the Orange County Service Authority for abandoned vehicles.