



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program

History of the AVA Program

- ▶ In 1991, Mendocino County implemented its own Service Authority for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program and imposed an Annual Service Fee under the authority of two applicable code sections of the California vehicle code (CVC):
 - ▶ Section 22710 CVC provides for the establishment of a service authority for abatement of abandoned Vehicles.
 - ▶ Section 9250.7 CVC provides that a service authority established by local jurisdictions, including Mendocino County, to impose a one dollar (\$1.00) annual service fee on vehicles registered to an owner with an address within the local service authority jurisdiction and includes its incorporated cities.
- ▶ In 2012, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 12-104 to place a measure on the November 16, 2012, ballot to renew the Annual Service Fee (also known as the AVA Fee) to continue the funding support for the AVA program. Measure G was passed with an approximate 80% voter approval, surpassing the minimum two-thirds vote requirement.
- ▶ Since Measure G's passing, the County of Mendocino and participating incorporated cities of Ukiah, Willits, and Fort Bragg, have utilized the AVA program to remove abandoned and wrecked vehicles along public rights-of-way and publicly maintained properties, under the Joint Powers Agreement of 2013. The AVA program has contributed \$1,111,068.08 over the past 10 years assisting with the removal of over 1,235 abandoned and/or wrecked vehicles throughout Mendocino County.
- ▶ On January 10, 2023, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 23-009 authorizing the extension of the AVA program.
- ▶ The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has notified the County that the approved funding under Measure G will be formally sunset on April 30, 2024, in which the \$1.00 annual service fee will no longer be applied toward vehicle registration renewals within the County of Mendocino.
- ▶ The resolution brought forth today, is to request of the Board of Supervisors to approve a new measure to be placed on the March 5, 2024 ballot for the county's voters to approve the extension of the \$1.00 Annual Service Fee (AVA Fee) to continue to financially assist the program for an additional term.

AVA Program Qualifiers

- ▶ The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program is operated under the Department of Planning and Building Services by the Code Enforcement Division.
- ▶ The Code Enforcement Division receives reports of abandoned and wrecked vehicles upon publicly maintained property throughout the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County and coordinates with the County's awarded contractor to remove qualified vehicles within the program. These reports can be received by members of the public and law enforcement.
- ▶ Qualifiers of the AVA Program:
 - ▶ Section 22669 VC provides for removal of a vehicle when an officer has reasonable grounds to believe it is abandoned.
 - ▶ Section 22661 VC and County/City Ordinances provide for the removal of inoperative, dismantled or wrecked vehicles or parts that are unlawfully stored.
 - ▶ The value of the vehicle must be under \$500.00 (determined by the County or City Service Authority).
 - ▶ Noticing to responsible party that continued violation will result in the official abatement, removal, storage and disposal of the vehicle 10 days after the date of noticing.

Nuisance Issues



Case # AVA_2022-0015
Location: District 5 (Gualala)

- Unsafe Parking Locations
- Attractive Nuisance
 - Arson/Fire Hazards
 - Vandalized/Graffiti
 - Wrecked/Stripped of Parts
 - Trash/Refuse Accumulation
- Special Removal Needs
- Impact to Community Quality of Life

Vehicles Typically Removed Under the Program



Case # AVA_2019-0007
Location: District 5 (Road 408)



Case # AVA_2020-0001
Location: District 4 (near Westport)



Case # AVA_2021-0001
Location: District 2 (Ukiah)



Vehicles Typically Removed Under the Program



Case # AVA_2021-0019
Location: District 3 (North of Willits)



Case # AVA_2021-0009; Description: Sedan, Burned
Location: District 3 (North of Willits)



Case # AVA_2022-0051
Location: District 1 (Potter Valley)

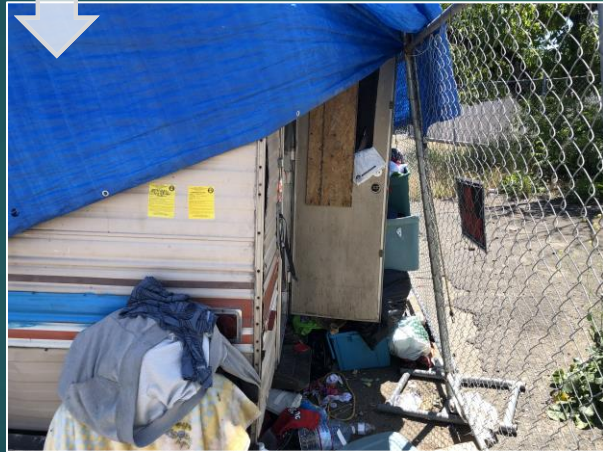


Case # AVA_2022-0035
Location: District 3 (Covelo)

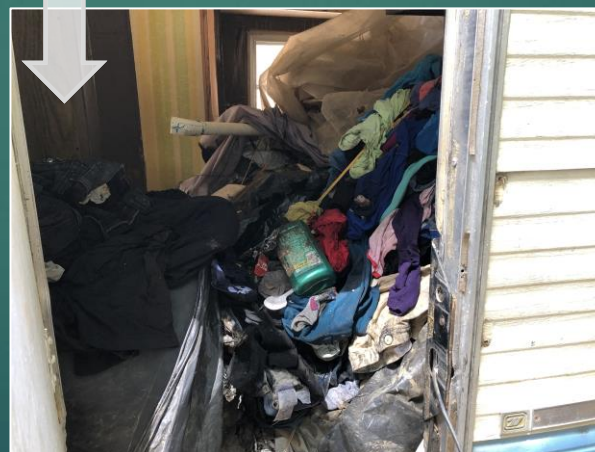
Vehicles Typically Removed Under the Program



Case # AVA_2022-0049
Location: District 2 (Ukiah)



Case # AVA_2022-0078
Location: District 4 (West of Willits)



Case # AVA_2022-0077
Location: District 4 (West of Willits)



Numbers and Mapping Data

5 Year Data

| YEAR | Number of Vehicles Removed within the Unincorporated Areas of Mendocino County |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2018 | 205 |
| 2019 | 130 |
| 2020 | 136 |
| 2021 | 141 |
| 2022 | 118 |

2022 Pin Map of Abated Vehicles

