



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-0062, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Williams

**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2020

**Department Contact:** Supervisor Williams

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 15 Minutes

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to County Counsel to Author Ordinance Amendment to Raise County Code Section 15.28.010 Vehicle Abandonment to a Misdemeanor Offense  
(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Direct County Counsel to author Ordinance amendment to raise County Code section 15.28.010 Vehicle Abandonment to a misdemeanor offense.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

Ordinance No. 3770 created Sec. 15.28.010 Vehicle Abandonment Prohibited.

**Summary of Request:**

Unwanted vehicles are frequently disposed on public right of way shoulders and private property without authorization. County funds are used to abate through clean-up and hauling. Even where a Vehicle Identification Number can identify the owner of record, our District Attorney is unable to adequately punish the party responsible for the dumping. We should not tolerate scrap vehicle litter. The existing violation is only an infraction and has proven to be an insufficient deterrent. Maximum penalty should be six months in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

No action.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:**

[https://library.municode.com/ca/mendocino\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeld=MECOCO\\_TIT15VETR\\_CH15.28ABVE](https://library.municode.com/ca/mendocino_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=MECOCO_TIT15VETR_CH15.28ABVE)

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** N/A

**current f/y cost:** N/A

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budget clarification:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Karla Van Hagen, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: **Approved**

Date: January 24, 2020

