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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Director  
Environmental Management  
**REPORT BY:** Steven Lederer, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL MGT, 259-8228  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.20 (Abandoned Vehicles)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

First reading and intention to adopt an ordinance updating Chapter 8.20 (Abandoned vehicles) of the Napa County Code.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 8.20 to formally transfer responsibility of the program from Public Works to Environmental Management, clarifies the process for collecting administrative costs associated with abatement actions, and provides clarifying definitions. It also brings the Chapter into conformance with minor changes made to the California Vehicle Code.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The County is presently involved in reviewing its entire code enforcement program. Chapter 8.20 of the Napa County Code pertains to the abatement of public nuisances relating to abandoned vehicles and is a part of that program.

The proposed revisions to Chapter 8.20 include the following changes:

8.20.050 and various other locations:

The lead Department for administering the abandoned vehicle program is changed from Public Works to Environmental Management. Environmental Management has in fact been administering the program and is budgeted to do so. This change brings the Ordinance up to date to reflect this.

8.20.020: Several definitions are added to the ordinance to provide clarity to both the public and the Department. Of particular note is clarifying language regarding the meaning of a "solid six foot fence."

8.20.070: Clarify that the County can recover administrative costs incurred in abating a nuisance. The property owner has the right to appeal the amount of said fees if the property owner believes the assessment to be inaccurate.

It is recommended that the Board commence the process of adopting this ordinance which amends Chapter 8.20.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Ordinance (tracked)

B . Ordinance (Final)

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey