



County of Butte Measure

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Butte County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Measure

Should the Butte County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program and associated fees (one dollar per vehicle and an additional three dollars for certain commercial vehicles) be renewed for a ten year term under California Vehicle Code Sections 9250.7 and 22710, or any successor statutes thereto, for purposes of removal and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vehicles? YES or NO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE K

This analysis of the renewal of the abandoned vehicle abatement program fee measure, Measure K, is prepared and submitted in accordance with Elections Code Section 9160. This measure was placed on the ballot by a vote of the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

Sections 22710 and 9250.7 of the California Vehicle Code authorize the establishment of the Butte County Abandoned Vehicle Authority, as well as the imposition of a service fee on all vehicles at the time of registration, or renewal of registration, except for those vehicles that are exempt from the payment of registration fees. The fee, which is referred to as the “AVA Fee,” is charged at a rate of one dollar (\$1.00) for every vehicle registered to an owner with an address in Butte County (“County”), and an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for certain commercial motor vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the County.

The AVA Fees are collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) and are then dispersed to the Butte County Abandoned Vehicle Authority. The fees may only be used for the abatement, removal, and disposal of any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles, or vehicle parts, located on private or public property within the County.

The AVA Fee must be renewed every ten (10) years. The most recent AVA Fee authorization in the County is set to expire on December 31, 2022.

A YES vote would authorize the DMV to continue collecting the AVA Fee in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) for every vehicle registered in the County, and an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for certain commercial vehicles registered in the County, for a term of ten (10) years.

A NO vote would mean that the DMV would stop collecting the AVA Fee.



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The AVA Fee will not be renewed and the AVA Fee will not be collected, unless the measure is approved by sixty six percent (66%) of the registered voters voting on Measure K.

s/Brad J. Stephens, Interim Butte County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure K.

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF MEASURE K

The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is a county-wide program that includes the City of Biggs, City of Chico, City of Gridley, City of Oroville, Town of Paradise, Unincorporated Butte County. The current cost of the program is estimated to be \$300,000. Revenue received to fund the program is approximately \$200,000.

The quantity of vehicles abated increases an average of 2.56% annually. Inflation is increasing the cost of towing and storing the abandoned vehicles. The inflation factor fluctuates annually.

The passing of this measure would increase the revenue to the local Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program county-wide to approximately \$380,000, all of which must be used only for the abatement, removal, and disposal of abandoned vehicles. The anticipated costs of the program are expected to grow to \$320,000 in the subsequent year.

s/Graciela Gutierrez, Butte County Auditor-Controller

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

Renewal of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Vote Yes on Measure K will continue an important local program for all residents of Butte County, the cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville and the Town of Paradise through the Butte County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program. Removal of abandoned vehicles helps reduce risks to the environment, safety hazards and maintain the visual beauty of our community. Risks to the environment include fluids leaking or rust leaching from abandoned vehicles that can enter waterways or habitats through drainage systems. Vehicles abandoned in roadways present safety hazards for other motorists and pedestrians by occupying a portion of a roadway or shoulder. Abandoned or wrecked vehicles left on our roadways in our communities and rural areas are an eyesore.



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The Butte County AVA started as a ten-year program in 2003. The AVA provides residents with a program that is responsive to complaints and results in proper removal of abandoned vehicles. Since 2003, the \$1 fee per vehicle and \$2 fee for certain commercial vehicles has been collected on vehicle registrations and has resulted in the removal of over 9,306 abandoned vehicles. During this same time period over \$3.2 million was generated through the local fee to help fund the vehicle removal, program administration and reporting requirements. Voting Yes on Measure K will not create a new fee but will continue the same fee that has been collected since 2003 for an additional ten-year period. Vote Yes on Measure K.

s/Paula Daneluk, Butte County Director of Development Services

FULL TEXT MEASURE K

If you desire a copy of Measure K, please call the Butte County Elections Office at (530) 552-3400, and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Butte County website at the following address: <http://buttevotes.net>.