



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner
Date: January 19, 2021
Subject: Vehicle License Fee

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2021/36 to authorize an annual vehicle license fee increase of \$1 for all motor vehicles registered in Contra Costa County and an additional \$2 for commercial vehicles to provide additional funding for the County's CAL-ID program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be a \$30,000 integration fee paid to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Initial revenue: \$1,100,000 generated by the fee increase to vehicle registration beginning August 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

In 1985, the legislature enacted California Penal Code section 11112.1. This law directed the California Department of Justice to develop a Statewide California Identification System, known as CAL-ID. The CAL-ID system provides funding for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which facilitates the statewide telecommunications network dedicated to the transmission of fingerprint data throughout the state for the use of identification by law enforcement agencies.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/19/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 19, 2021

, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc:

The AFIS telecommunications

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

network is essential to public safety because it provides local law enforcement agencies the ability to automate mobile and fixed location fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, vehicular manslaughter, or any combination of those, and any other vehicle-related crime. All law enforcement agencies in Contra Costa County are required to utilize the AFIS telecommunications network.

On August 25, 2014, the Governor approved Assembly Bill No. 2393, which amended California Vehicle Code Section 9250.19. Prior to the amendment, existing law authorized counties, upon the adoption of a resolution by its Board of Supervisors, to impose a fee of \$1 on all motor vehicles. This fee is in addition to other fees imposed by the DMV for the registration of a vehicle. Additionally, existing law required registered owners of commercial vehicles to pay an additional \$2 fee.

California Vehicle Code section 9250.19 authorizes any county that previously adopted the existing resolution, to now increase that fee to \$2 for all motor vehicles in the same manner that it imposed the initial fee. This bill requires counties to submit a resolution authorizing increased fees pursuant to these provisions to the DMV at least six months prior to the fee's operative date.

After deducting administrative costs, existing law requires the DMV to pay those fees to the Controller quarterly. Existing law provides for the continuous appropriation of the money generated by these fees to the Controller for disbursement to each County that has adopted a resolution as described above, and limits the expenditure of the money so disbursed to designated purposes related to law enforcement such as CAL-ID.

The CAL-ID local governing body, known as the Remote Access Network (RAN) Board of Directors, unanimously voted to recommend the Board of Supervisors authorize the additional license fees.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A decision not to approve this increase will lead to the County's CAL-ID program to operate at a \$1,100,000 deficit each year moving forward.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2021/36