

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.17
(ID # 12468)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 02, 2020

FROM: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA:

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-145 Approving an Increase in the County-imposed Vehicle Registration Fee Surcharge Used to Fund Riverside County Cal-ID Fingerprint Identification Programs (Vehicle Code 9250.19(b)), [All Districts]; [\$0]; 100% State Funded.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-145 approving an increase in the Riverside County-imposed vehicle registration fee surcharge from \$1 to \$2 (and \$2 to \$4 for commercial vehicle) used to fund the Riverside County Cal-ID Biometric Identification Network programs (Vehicle Code 9250.19); and,
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to submit the Resolution to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on behalf of the County.

ACTION: Consent

Chad Bianco

Chad Bianco, Riverside County Sheriff 5/27/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: Jeffries
Absent: None
Date: June 2, 2020
xc: SHERIFF

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State | | | Budget Adjustment: | No |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: | 20/21-Ongoing |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BR# 20-074

BACKGROUND:

Summary

California Vehicle Code §9250.19 allows local counties to collect a vehicle assessment fee for all vehicles registered within the county, to support Cal-ID programs. Currently, Riverside County's assessment surcharge is set at \$1.00 for every private vehicle and \$2.00 for every commercial vehicle.

On August 25, 2014, former Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 2393, which amended Vehicle Code Section §9250.19. The amended bill authorized an increase in the county-imposed vehicle registration surcharge used to fund fingerprint identification programs (Vehicle Code 9250.19). Specifically, the bill authorized:

1. Increasing from \$1.00 to \$2.00 (and from \$2.00 to \$4.00 for commercial vehicles) for counties that had already imposed the registration surcharge pursuant to current law.
2. For counties that had not previously imposed the registration surcharge, to begin collecting at \$2.00 per private vehicle and \$4.00 for commercial vehicles registered in their county.

The bill requires the surcharge increase to be approved by the county BOS and for the county to submit resolutions to impose fee increases pursuant to these provisions, to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at least 6 months prior to the operative date of the fee increase. The Department will be responsible for providing the Clerk of the Board the appropriate documentation to submit to the DMV.

Cal-ID was formed in 1985, as part of the state fingerprint identification program to assist the DOJ in verifying the identity of persons placed under arrest, to assist law enforcement agencies in identifying human remains and analyzing fingerprint evidence gathered at crime scenes. Initially, limited funding for personnel, equipment and technology hampered full implementation of the Cal-ID program. As a result, the CA Legislature passed SB 720 in 1997, authorizing counties to impose the \$1.00/\$2.00 surcharge on vehicle registrations in the county and to use

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the money exclusively for the Cal-ID program. Subsequent legislation extended program funding twice. AB 879 (2002) extended program funding until 2006 and imposed the current reporting requirements. AB 857 (2005) extended program funding through January 2012, and finally, AB 674 (2011) repealed the "sunset date" entirely. The intended and authorized purpose of these bills is to allow for Cal-ID to maintain its purchasing power and to be positioned financially to take advantage of advancements in biometric sciences and technology and to replace aging equipment when required.

Cal-ID is a twenty-one hours a day, seven days a week operation, providing an array of biometric identification services to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (Patrol, Corrections, Coroner, Courts) and all municipalities in Riverside County. Cal-ID also participates in a Regional Cal-ID program with San Bernardino County. Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS), Live Scan devices, mobile and desktop identification equipment, facial recognition software, and iris capture cameras, are some of the more advanced systems Cal-ID has deployed to assist law enforcement agencies in the performance of their duties. Advances in technology have allowed Cal-ID to build and maintain one of the most progressive offices in the state. However, the costs associated with purchasing and maintaining this technology; equipment, servers, hardware and maintenance agreements with our vendors, is significant. In 2023, Cal-ID will be required to replace 54 aging Live Scan devices deployed across the county. Additionally, Cal-ID contributes annually to our valuable Regional programs with San Bernardino County Cal-ID. Current revenue is insufficient to support Cal-ID operating expenses and to save for needed future equipment replacement(s).

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This item will not impact the Sheriff's Department budget. Any fee increases could take effect approximately six months after the adoption of any resolution. These fees could result in an estimated \$2,049,000 additional annual revenue.

If the County acts upon this, these additional funds collected pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 9250.19, would be allocated directly to Riverside Cal-ID to be used exclusively to enhance fingerprint identification capability by accelerating the replacement of outdated devices and providing a reserve for a future system replacement (Automated Fingerprint Identification System & (54) Live Scans). These devices are distributed to all of Sheriff's correctional facilities, Sheriff's patrol stations, and our allied police departments throughout the county.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

Cal-ID enjoys three specific revenue streams: 1) City & Unincorporated Per Capita Assessments, 2) Court Fees & Fines, 3) SB 720-Vehicle Licensing Fees. In FY 18/19, Cal-ID received \$2,049,812 in VLF funding. Approval of this request will double this dedicated funding stream, positioning Cal-ID to meet its current and future fiscal needs. Currently, San Bernardino County Cal-ID is collecting the increased VLF funding (\$2.00 & \$4.00) and has since FY 15/16, as authorized by their Board of Supervisors. Additionally, San Bernardino currently imposes a

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\$1.18 per capita assessment fee to the cities and municipalities in San Bernardino County. Riverside Cal-ID's current city assessment fees are \$1.00 per capita and have been since FY 14/15.

Historically, Cal-ID had benefited significantly from federal grants to purchase equipment, technology, and upgrades. Those grant programs have long since expired and no longer exist. The current vehicle registration fee that was established 23 years ago has not been increased since its inception. The initial fee imposition of \$1.00/\$2.00 was intended to meet the technology and operating expenses at the time. Technology costs have dramatically increased over the last twenty years, and likewise, AB 2393 recognized that Cal-ID programs would require increases in revenue to continue to purchase and provide new technologies.

During FY 2018/2019, revenues received by the County under Vehicle Code Section 9250.19 Subdivision (B) Fingerprint ID Program (VLF) were as follows:

- 1st Quarter \$523,312.05, paid in August 31st, 2018
 - 2nd Quarter \$509,148.36, paid in November 30th, 2018
 - 3rd Quarter \$479,903.57, paid in March 1st, 2019
 - 4th Quarter \$537,448.09, paid in May 31st, 2019
- Total revenues received and expended by the County: \$2,049,812.07

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

The request to increase the VLF funding comes before the BOS as a result of a unanimous vote of approval by the Local RAN Board and only after Cal-ID has worked diligently to cut operating costs where possible, without negatively impacting programs and service levels. If the BOS approves the fee increase, Cal-ID can expect that revenues from VLF will approximately double, to roughly \$4.1 million dollars annually. This increase in revenue will allow Cal-ID to cover operational expenses for the first time in years. One-hundred percent of the VLF funds, to include the revenue increase, will be used one-hundred percent to cover Cal-ID's operational expenses. Without the increase in revenue, Cal-ID will need to make drastic changes in operational costs and may not be able to provide certain critical programs and the level of service that our member agencies currently receive.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2020-145

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Paul A. Angulo, County Auditor-Controller 5/27/2020


Cheryl Williams 5/27/2020


Jeff Van Wageningen, Assistant CEO / Public Safety 5/27/2020


Gregory H. Priamos, Director County Counsel 5/21/2020

1 Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-145

3 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
4 RIVERSIDE INCREASING FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER SECTION 9250.19 OF THE VEHICLE
5 CODE

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7 WHEREAS, on November 24, 1997, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted
8 Resolution No. 97-292 pursuant to section 9250.19 of the California Vehicle Code, authorizing a
9 fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every
10 vehicle registered to an address within the County except those expressly exempted from
11 payment of registration fees;

12 WHEREAS, on August 25, 2014, the Governor of the State of California signed
13 Assembly Bill 2393 amending section 9250.19, to authorize an increase in the county-imposed
14 vehicle registration surcharge from one dollar (\$1) to two dollars (\$2.00), and from two dollars
15 (\$2) to four dollars (\$4) for commercial vehicles for counties that had already imposed the
16 registration surcharge pursuant to current law by adopting a resolution; and

17 WHEREAS, pursuant to the same Vehicle Code section, a resolution to increase the
18 service fees shall be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at least six months
19 prior to the operative date of the fee increase;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Board
21 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California (the "Board"), in regular session
22 assembled on June 2, 2020, at 9:30 A.M., or soon thereafter in the meeting room of the Board
23 of Supervisors located on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street,
24 California, this Board does hereby find and determine that a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for non-
25 commercial vehicles and four dollars (\$4) for commercial vehicles shall be paid at the time of
26 registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle registered to an address within the
27 County, except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees.

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *[Signature]* 5/21/2020
DATE
SUSANNAH. OH

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that any money
2 allocated to the County of Riverside under Section 9250.19 of the California Vehicle Code shall
3 be expended to fund CAL-ID programs.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the resolution shall
5 be effective on January 1, 2021, and shall be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles at
6 least six months prior to the operative date of the fee increase, pursuant to Section 9250.19 of
7 the California Vehicle Code.

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11 ROLL CALL:

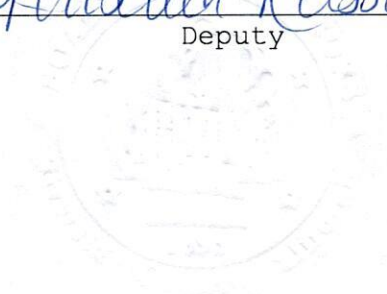
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13 Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
14 Nays: Jeffries
15 Absent: None

16 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly
17 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

18 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

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20 By 

Deputy



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