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Board of Supervisors County of El Dorado 330 Fair Lane Placerville, California 95667

Subject: Suspension of V.C. Section 9250.19 Fees for Fingerprint Identification

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Recommendation

The Sheriff and Auditor-Controller recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution which will authorize the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to suspend the collection of a \$1 per vehicle registration fee on El Dorado County residents until further notice.

Reason for Recommendation

The Sheriff and the Auditor-Controller have determined that the County can adequately maintain its "live-scan" equipment and services without imposing this \$1 fee for at least one year.

Background information

On behalf of your Board, DMV levied a \$1 per vehicle fee for fingerprint identification beginning January 1, 1998. Vehicle Code 9250.19 authorizes that the revenues generated by this fee be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local law enforcement to provide automated mobile and fixed location fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or vehicular manslaughter or any combination of those and other vehicle-related crimes, and other crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle.

Resolution 010-2013, adopted by the Board of Supervisors February 5, 2013, suspended the collection of the \$1 vehicle registration fee after determination from the Auditor-Controller, Sheriff, and County Cal-Identification Remote Access Network Board that additional funds for automated fingerprint identification services were no longer necessary.

Resolution 071-2016, adopted by the Board of Supervisors April 19, 2016, reinstated the collection of the \$1 vehicle registration fee for automated fingerprint identification services.

The Sheriff and the Auditor-Controller have determined that the County does not need the revenues generated by this fee for the continued maintenance of its automated fingerprint identification services for at least one year.

Fiscal Impact

If the collection of this fee is suspended, it will have no impact on the County's General Fund budget. It will reduce the DMV registration costs of County residents by approximately \$150,000 per year.

Action to be Taken Following Approval:

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The Resolution suspending the collection of the \$1 fee will be forwarded to DMV. It will take DMV three to six months to cease the collection of this fee.

Sincerely,

John D'Agostini County Sheriff

Joe Harn, CPA Auditor-Controller

CC: Don Ashton, CAO