



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Grisanti and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Approved by: Steve McClary, City Manager

Date prepared: October 25, 2022 Meeting date: November 14, 2022

Subject: Report on the Use of the Temporary Day-Use Impound Yard

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file a report on the use of the Temporary Day-Use Impound Yard.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

DISCUSSION: In April 2022, the Council directed staff to prepare an Urgency Ordinance to allow for a temporary sheriff sanctioned day-use impound yard at the City-owned property at 29136 Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). On May 9, 2022, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 499U to allow for a temporary sheriff sanctioned day-use impound yard used exclusively for daytime storage of towed cars at a City-owned lot located at 29136 PCH.

Background

At its March 5, 2022, meeting, the Public Safety Commission discussed options regarding a temporary day-use impound yard for the summer months. After a lengthy discussion and reflection on past efforts, the Commission voted in favor of recommending to the City Council that the undeveloped property at Heathercliff and PCH be used as a temporary site.

On April 25, 2022, the Council discussed the Public Safety Commission's recommendation and directed staff to prepare an Urgency Ordinance to allow for a

temporary day-use impound yard at the City-owned lot at Heathercliff and PCH (29136 Pacific Coast Highway).

On May 9, 2022, the Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 499U to allow for a temporary day-use sheriff sanctioned impound yard used exclusively for daytime storage of towed cars at a City-owned lot located at 29136 PCH. As required by Urgency Ordinance No. 499U, a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) No. 22-018 was issued on May 25, 2022, to allow for the temporary impound yard to operate from June 18, 2022, to October 3, 2022. As permitted, the temporary impound yard operated during the daytime hours only. Unretrieved vehicles were removed from the site by 7:00 PM daily and transferred to an out-of-town location.

Although the temporary impound yard was scheduled to be utilized through October 3, 2022, operations ceased on September 5, 2022 once the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Beach Team was no longer active. A total of 361 vehicles were towed to the temporary day-use impound yard between June 18 through September 5, 2022. During this period, 30 vehicles were left unclaimed by the time operations ceased at 7:00 PM and transferred to the out-of-town location, ensuring that no vehicles were left overnight on the property. The highest recorded number of vehicles towed were on holiday weekends, including Fourth of July weekend and Labor Day weekend. The total number of vehicles towed is included as Attachment 1. The Attachment references the dates "May 30 to September 5, 2022," which reflects the period of operation of Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Beach team. However, the total number of vehicles towed is reflective of the temporary impound yard operation between June 18 through September 5, 2022.

Staff is now working on a plan for next summer. While the high school was not an option for a temporary impound yard this past summer, a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMUSD) representative recently indicated that the upper parking lot at the high school should be available for this use next summer. Staff has prepared a proposal for a temporary impound yard and submitted it to SMUSD on October 21, 2022 and is waiting for confirmation.

ATTACHMENTS: Temporary Day-Use Impound Yard Storage Numbers

MALIBU/LOST HILLS STATION – Tows by RD in City of Malibu May 30, 2022 to September 5, 2022







