



DATE: May 21, 2008  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Public Works Department  
SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER FOR A GRAFFITI ABATEMENT VEHICLE**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$121,000 to Dispensing Technology Corporation of Moorpark, California for a graffiti abatement truck for the Code Enforcement program; and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase order.

**BACKGROUND**

The Code Enforcement program currently responds to graffiti complaints and works with property owners to remove graffiti in a timely manner. To enhance graffiti abatement efforts, the City Council approved CDBG funding for the purchase of a graffiti removal vehicle. A similar vehicle designed to proactively address private property graffiti problems was introduced by the City of Chula Vista in 2006 and has been successful in assisting with their graffiti abatement efforts.

**ANALYSIS**

The graffiti abatement truck will be operated by the Code Enforcement Division to assist property owners to remove graffiti on private property. The vehicle will be purchased using an existing bid from the City of Chula Vista and will be similarly equipped. Specifically, the vehicle will be outfitted with a computerized color-matching system which will match the paint color of existing surfaces that have been graffitied. The vehicle will also contain a graffiti tracking system to assist with graffiti vandal prosecutions by providing photos, locations, and other descriptive information of the vandalism.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

A total budget amount of \$150,000 in CDBG funds was approved for the purchase of the graffiti abatement truck. The total cost of the vehicle is \$121,100 which includes the purchase price of \$121,000 and in-house build costs. The vehicle will be maintained by Fleet Management and included in the current fleet of Code Enforcement vehicles.

The remaining balance of \$28,900 in CDBG funds is available for initial paint, supplies, equipment and training for the vehicle.

The purchase of the graffiti abatement truck is budgeted in account 237.294813.5704 (C/O-Auto Equipment). The purchase of the vehicle does not have a fiscal impact to the General Fund.

There is no anticipated cost to individual property owners for graffiti removal by the City. Owners will be required to sign a permission form indemnifying the City for any work associated with graffiti removal, or in locations that are not readily accessible, will be provided matching color paint. It is estimated that the graffiti abatement vehicle will be placed into service in Summer 2008. The enhanced graffiti abatement program will commence upon arrival of the vehicle.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

All purchases should comply with the provisions of Chapter 28A of the Oceanside City Code.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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