



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: December 1, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Support Services Division
SUBJECT: **New Beginnings Safe Parking Program on County Property: Third Amendment to License and Service Agreement; ORES 003506; First and Second Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Manager

As to form Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors Approve and execute the Third Amendment to License and Service Agreement with New Beginnings Counseling Center to extend the Safe Parking Program for another three (3) years from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012, increase the number of vehicles from 10 to 15 at the County Administration building parking lot, and expand the program by allowing an additional 5 vehicles to park at the Social Service Building south parking lot at the Calle Real Campus in Santa Barbara.

Summary Text:

On August 18, 2009, the Board voted to continue this program for an additional three (3) years through August 31, 2012 and to increase the number of vehicles from 10 to 15 at the County Administration building parking lot. Additionally, the Board directed staff to return with a report on opportunities to expand the Safe Parking Program on a County wide basis. Staff explored opportunities to expand the program and this Third Amendment to the Agreement consummates the actions taken on August 18, 2009 and expands the program to the Social Services Building south parking lot at the County's Calle Real Campus in Santa Barbara by allowing 5 vehicles to park overnight.

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Background:

The Safe Parking Program has been operating at the County Administration building parking lot since the Board's adoption of Ordinance 4514 on November 4, 2003, which allowed overnight sleeping/camping on County property for one year. Ordinances 4531 and 4547 adopted on April 27, 2004 and September 7, 2004 respectively, extended the term until August 31, 2005. Due to the success of the Program, the Board of Supervisors extended the Program for an additional year on August 16, 2005, with the approval of the First Amendment and adoption of Ordinance 4574. With the Board's approval of the Second Amendment on August 1, 2006, the Program was extended for a three (3)-year term from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2009, and the total of parking spaces was increased from 5 to 10. The Second Amendment required the adoption of Ordinance 4615, which granted the Board of Supervisors the authority to expand overnight camping or sleeping on [County] public property in other locations and to continue the Program without necessitating the lengthy process of amending the County Code.

With the expiration of the Agreement pending on August 31, 2009, the Board held a Public Hearing on August 18, 2009, to receive a report on the Program's status from New Beginnings Counseling Center, and public input as well. As a result of the Public Hearing, the Board directed the General Services Department to amend the existing License and Service Agreement which was due to expire on August 31, 2009. The Third Amendment will extend the term for a period of 3 years commencing September 1, 2009 and expiring August 31, 2012, and increase the number of vehicles parked overnight from 10 to 15 at the County Administration building parking lot.

The Safe Parking Program was initially created for the purpose of providing individuals and families forced to live in their vehicles, due to the lack of adequate and affordable housing, with a safe and sanitary place for overnight parking while they transition into more permanent housing. The current economic situation has significantly increased the need for expanding the Program and increasing the capacity in parking lots where the Program already exists.

Consequently, the Board directed staff to return with a report on opportunities to expand the Safe Parking Program on a County wide basis. To carry out this directive, staff met with the Executive Director of New Beginnings to explore opportunities to expand the program in, and around the City of Goleta. It was agreed that the Program could be expanded to the County's Calle Real Campus and this Amendment includes a provision to allow 5 vehicles to park overnight in the Social Services building south parking lot. The executive Director will also continue to pursue opportunities in "non-county-owned parking lots" westerly of the Calle Real Campus and in Isla Vista.

Staff also explored the feasibility of creating a similar program in North County. Such a program would need to be managed and operated by a different entity as New Beginnings considers their mission to serve South County only. The City Managers of both Lompoc and Santa Maria were contacted and each replied that they did not feel there was a need for such a program in, and around their jurisdictions, at this time.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

1. The estimated costs to the County for this program are approximately \$2,928 annually for a portable restroom at both locations and administrative oversight costs. The General Services Department FY '09/10 budget has funds to cover these costs.
2. New Beginnings Counseling Center will continue to fund the costs associated with operating and managing the program except those costs discussed in item #1 above.

Special Instructions:

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk should distribute as follows:

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| 1. Original executed Agreement | Board's Official File |
| 2. Dupl. orig. exec. Agreement & Minute Order | Attn: Connie Smith, GS/Real Estate Svcs |

Attachments:

(2) Third Amendment To License And Service Agreement

***Authored by:** Connie Smith, Office of Real Estate Services