



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
June 16, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Henry Oyekanmi, Director, Finance Department  
 Subject: FY 2021 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2021 tax rate for funding all improvements for the maintenance of parks, City trees, and landscaping in the City of Berkeley at \$0.1793 (17.93 cents) per square foot of improvements.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The tax levy of the recommended \$0.1793 per square footage will result in estimated collections of \$14,369,024 for the Park Tax Fund. The increase in the tax rate of \$0.0064 per square foot will result in a \$12.16 annual increase for the citywide average 1,900 square foot home.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The FY 2020 tax of \$0.1729 is being adjusted by the Personal Income Growth of 3.730% as authorized on November 4, 2014, by voter approved Measure F.

It is recommended that City Council authorize the levy of a special tax of \$0.1793 per square foot of all improvements in the City of Berkeley. The tax will result in a cost to taxpayers in the following average amounts during FY 2021, as compared with the amounts for FY 2020:

Square Feet	Annual Tax	
	FY 2021	FY 2020
1,200	\$215.16	\$207.48
1,500	268.95	259.35
1,900	340.67	328.51
3,000	537.90	518.70
3,900	699.27	674.31
10,000	1,793.00	1,729.00

BACKGROUND

On May 6, 1997, the voters of the City of Berkeley approved a special tax solely to provide funding for the direct cost of acquisition and maintenance of improvements related to parks and landscaping in the City of Berkeley. As a result of the requirements of State Proposition 218, this special tax replaced the annual revenue previously generated by the Citywide Landscape Assessment District.

On November 8, 2016, over 87% of Berkeley voters approved Measure V1 to re-authorize the City, for a period of four (4) years through FY 2020, to spend the Parks Maintenance tax as approved by the voters.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental opportunities or effects associated with the subject of this report.

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Attachments:

1: Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. -N.S.

SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 SPECIAL TAX RATE TO FUND MAINTENANCE  
OF PARKS, CITY TREES AND LANDSCAPING IN THE CITY OF BERKELEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. The FY 2021 Tax Rate for the maintenance of parks, City trees and landscaping is set at \$0.1793 per square foot of taxable improvements.

Section 2. The cost to the taxpayer during FY 2021 will be \$215.16 for a 1,200 square foot home and \$537.90 for a 3,000 square foot home.

Section 3. This Tax Rate will result in estimated total collections of \$14,369,024.

Section 4. The tax imposed by this ordinance does not apply to any property owner whose total personal income, from all sources for the previous calendar year, does not exceed that level which shall constitute a very low income, as established by resolution of City Council.

Section 5. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

