

Office of the City Manager

## REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL

**Meeting Date:** June 23, 2015

**Item Number:** 15

**Item Description:** FY 2016 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping

**Supplemental/Revision Submitted By:** Henry Oyekanmi, Acting Director of Finance

**“Good of the City” Analysis:**

*The analysis below must demonstrate how accepting this supplement/revision is for the “good of the City” and outweighs the lack of time for citizen review or evaluation by the Council.*

Revision to Report #15 complies with Measure F as approved by the people of the City of Berkeley on November 4, 2014 whereby the FY 2016 tax for funding all improvements for the maintenance of parks, City trees, and landscaping in the City of Berkeley is increased from an annual \$0.1256 per square foot to \$0.1466 per square foot.

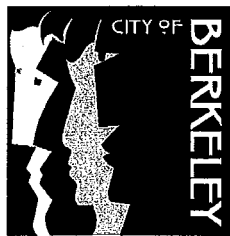
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CONSENT CALENDAR  
June 23, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager  
Submitted by: Henry Oyekanmi, Acting Director, Finance Department  
Subject: FY 2016 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt first reading of an Ordinance increasing the FY 2016 tax rate for funding all improvements for the maintenance of parks, City trees, and landscaping in the City of Berkeley at \$0.1466 (14.66 cents) per square foot of improvements.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The tax levy of the recommended \$0.1466 per square footage will result in estimated collections of \$11,491,496 for the Park Tax Fund. The increase in the tax rate of \$0.0210 per square foot will result in a \$39.90 annual increase for the citywide average 1900 square foot home.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The FY 2015 tax of \$0.1256 is being adjusted to \$0.1466 as authorized on November 4, 2014, by voter approved Measure F.

The people of the City of Berkeley authorized to increase a special parks tax from \$0.1256 to \$0.1466 per square foot of all improvements in the City of Berkeley and allowed the tax to adjust with inflation in future years. The tax will result in a cost to taxpayers in the following average amounts during FY 2016, as compared with the amounts for FY 2015:

Square Feet	Annual Tax	
	FY 2016	FY 2015
1,200	\$175.92	\$150.72
1,500	219.90	188.40
1,900	278.54	238.64
3,000	439.80	376.80
10,000	1,466.00	1,256.00

**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 6, 2012, over 89% of Berkeley voters approved Measure P to re-authorize the City, for a period of four (4) years through FY 2016, to spend the Parks Maintenance tax as approved by the voters.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

No alternative considered. Voter approved Measure F.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

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

**CONTACT PERSON**

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**Attachments:**

1: Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. ###-N.S.

INCREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 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 2016 Tax Rate for the maintenance of parks, City trees and landscaping is set at \$0.1466 per square foot of taxable improvements.

Section 2. The cost to the taxpayer during FY 2016 will be \$175.92 for a 1,200 square foot home and \$439.80 for a 3,000 square foot home.

Section 3. This Tax Rate will result in estimated total collections of \$11,491,496.

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 Old City Hall, 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.

