



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 24, 2024

**PRESENTER:** Jesus A. Gonzalez, City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution Confirming Diagram and Assessments for the Annual Levy, 2024-2025, for Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1 (JG)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council conduct a public hearing, receive public testimony, and adopt resolution confirming the diagram and assessments for Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1 for the 2024-2025 annual levy in the amounts specified and authorize the City Clerk to record the diagram and assessment with the Fresno County Auditor-Controller.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Landscape and Lighting District No. 1 (LLD) serves to maintain public landscaping in median islands and landscape strips along major streets as well as pay for street lighting costs. All new developments are annexed into the LLD and charged an annual assessment that is collected with property taxes. There are currently 14 sub-areas, with a total of 2,242 properties, within the LLD. Council approved one annexation, Tract No. 6293, to the LLD this past year.

The Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 requires that certain actions be completed by Council prior to levying assessments upon properties within Kerman's LLD. Council has previously adopted resolutions for initiation of proceedings and intention to levy and collect assessments. The final action required of Council is to conduct a public hearing to consider protests to the proposed assessments and to confirm the diagram and assessments. The Engineer's Report, dated July 2024, for the LLD is on file with the City Clerk and contains descriptions of the improvements maintained, boundaries of the district and sub-areas, and proposed assessments per parcel. A map showing the boundaries of the assessment areas is included as **Exhibit 'A'** within the accompanying resolution.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The annual assessments from the LLD are used for maintenance of public landscaping and street lighting. The assessments for Sub-areas 1 through 5 were established prior to the passage of Proposition 218 and therefore cannot be raised without a vote of the property owners. The assessments for Sub-areas 6 through 14 are adjusted annually by the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). For 2023, there was an increase in the CPI of 4.1%. The assessment for each property within the LLD for FY 24-25 are included in the Engineer's Report on file with the City Clerk. It is noted that there was a rounding error in the Resolution of Intention to Levy in which the total assessment was cited as \$426,249.26. The correct total assessment is \$426,247.46.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Resolution w/Exhibits