

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AND ASSESSMENTS PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED ON SUCH PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 (ANNEXATION NO. 18, ZONE 19, RANCHO DEL ORO)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs (the "City") will conduct a public hearing on the annexation of property to Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2 (the "Assessment District") as well as the assessments which are proposed to be levied in Fiscal Year 2017-18 on parcels of property in Annexation 18, Zone 19, of the City at **6:00 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on June 6, 2017, in the Carl May Community Center at 11711 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs, California.** According to the City's records, you are the record owner of property in Annexation 18, Zone 19 which is subject to the levy of the proposed assessment.

Total Assessment to be Charged to Entire District: The total amount of the assessment, which is proposed to be levied in Fiscal Year 2017-18 on parcels in Annexation 18, Zone 19 is \$70,970.00.

Total Assessment to be Charged to Your Property: The amounts of the assessments per equivalent dwelling unit that are proposed to be levied on parcels in Annexation 18, Zone 19 in Fiscal Year 2017-18 are: (a) For parcels that are improved with single family residences - \$274.02 per equivalent dwelling unit. (*i.e.*, a single family residence).

Reason for the Assessment: The assessments are proposed to be levied to pay the annual cost of the maintenance, servicing and operation of public landscaping and appurtenant facilities located in Annexation 18, Zone 19. The amount of the assessment which is proposed to be levied on parcel(s) of property, which are owned by you, is shown on the Assessment Ballot which accompanies this notice. This assessment amount was determined based on the number of equivalent dwelling units which are assigned to your parcel(s). The proposed assessments levied on parcels of property in Annexation 18, Zone 19 is necessary to continue the current level of maintenance, servicing, and operation of public landscaping and appurtenant facilities which are located within Annexation 18, Zone 19.

Duration of the Assessment: The total amount of the assessment which is proposed to be levied on parcels of property in Annexation 18, Zone 19 is equal to the amount of the estimated annual cost of the maintenance, servicing, and operation of landscaping and appurtenant facilities for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Basis Upon which the Proposed Assessment is Calculated: The amount of the assessment which is proposed to be levied on each parcel in Annexation 18, Zone 19 was calculated on the basis of the proportionate special benefit derived by the parcel in relationship to the entirety of the costs, which are related to the maintenance, servicing, and operation of landscaping and appurtenant facilities for said fiscal year. The assessments will be levied on all parcels in Annexation 18, Zone 19 so long as such assessments are necessary to pay the annual costs of the maintenance, servicing, and operation of public landscaping and appurtenant facilities located in Annexation 18, Zone 19.

In Resolution No. 2017-013 adopted by the City Council of the City on April 4, 2017, the City Council determined that the methodology for determining the amounts to be assessed on parcels in Annexation 18, Zone 19 in future fiscal years provide that the amount of the assessment per equivalent dwelling unit, and the resulting amount to be assessed on each parcel in Annexation 18, Zone 19, will be subject to being increased for each such fiscal year, commencing with Fiscal Year 2018-19, based on the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index, All Items, Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, California (1982-84=100) since the beginning preceding fiscal year, or by two percent (2.0%), whichever is greater.

ENCLOSED HEREWITH is a form of Assessment Ballot upon which you can indicate your support for or opposition to the proposed annual assessment levied on your parcel. You have a right to participate in the public hearing pursuant to Article XIID of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218") and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Section 53750 *et seq.*) to submit an assessment ballot in favor of or in opposition to the proposed assessment. In order to be voted this ballot must be completed by indicating support or opposition for the proposition set forth thereon by inserting a "+" sign in the SUPPORT square or the OPPOSE square following the proposition. The property owner(s) or person(s) voting this ballot must include his or her or their name(s) in the spaces provided on the ballot, and the ballot must also be signed by the property owner(s) or person(s) voting the ballot as indicated thereon. An envelope is enclosed with this notice for returning the voted ballot. To be voted, the ballot must be returned to the City Clerk of the City at the address specified above prior to the conclusion of the public hearing on June 6, 2017.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Clerk will tabulate the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in support of or opposition to the proposed increase in the annual assessments levied on parcels in Annexation 18, Zone 19 and the proposed revision to the assessment methodology. A majority protest will exist if the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in opposition to the proposed assessments exceed the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in favor of the proposed assessments, weighting those assessment ballots by the amount of the proposed assessment to be imposed upon the identified parcel for which each assessment ballot is submitted. If there is a majority protest against the levy of the proposed assessments, the City Council will not levy the amount of the assessments on parcels of property in Annexation 18, Zone 19.

The total amount of the proposed assessments to be levied in the Zone is based on costs provided by the City's Public Works Department to address the estimated cost with respect to the maintenance, servicing and operation of public landscape in Annexation 18, Zone 19.

Dated: April 4, 2017



Jerryl Soriano
City Clerk of the City of Desert Hot Springs