



**PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTIONS LEVYING
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ASSESSMENTS FOR
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS & STREET
LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

Finance Department

City Council
July 15th, 2025

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BACKGROUND

1. The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 requires that Council order, prepare and approve an Engineer's Report for each existing Maintenance District that it proposes to levy assessments.
2. March 4th, 2025 –Resolution of Intention/Request Engineer's Report
3. May 20th, 2025 –Approve Engineer's Report/Set Public Hearing
4. July 15th, 2025 –Noticed Public Hearings are the third and final step in the process.



CITY MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

The existing maintenance districts for which annual assessments are proposed are:

1. Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1 (Citywide)
2. Sycamore Highlands Landscape Maintenance District (Ward 2)
3. Riverwalk Landscape Maintenance District (Ward 7)



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ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS

1. Street Light Assessment District –maximum capped by Measure EE in 1997 –no adjustments
2. Landscape Maintenance District Assessments adjusted based on Consumer Price Index for Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario

Comparison of Assessments per Residential Unit

	Street Light AD	Riverwalk LMD	Sycamore LMD
Maximum Tax	\$31.44	\$443.02	\$114.69
2024-25 Assessed	\$31.44	\$348.12	\$112.47
2025-26 Proposed	<u>\$31.44</u>	<u>\$365.52</u>	<u>\$114.69</u>
Increase	\$0	\$17.40	\$2.22



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GENERAL FUND SUBSIDY

Due to the fixed Maximum Tax for Street Light AD and reasonable/maximum allowances of CPI increases for Riverwalk and Sycamore LMDs, all three Assessment Districts will require a General Fund Subsidy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

	Street Light AD	Riverwalk LMD	Sycamore LMD
2024-2025 Assessed	\$3,600,474	\$508,863	\$109,201
2025-2026 Proposed	\$3,600,474	\$534,300	\$111,362
Projected Expenses	<u>\$5,535,896</u>	<u>\$567,921</u>	<u>\$141,201</u>
General Fund Subsidy	(\$1,935,422)	(\$33,621)*	(\$29,839)**

* General Fund Subsidy includes \$66k of Capital Replacement Collection reserve funds

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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority 5 –High Performing Government

Goal 5.3 –Enhance Communication and collaboration with community members, to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Conduct three public hearings to receive comments relative to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 assessments for each District; and
2. Adopt three resolutions authorizing the City of Riverside to confirm the diagrams and assessments contained in the Engineer's Reports and establish the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 assessments for each District.



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