

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: June 24, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1**
Levy of Annual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 08-53**, confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Fiscal Impact:

Each parcel annexed prior to Fiscal Year 2005-2006 will be assessed \$80.00 per benefit unit. The proposed assessment is the same as the previous year's assessment. Each parcel annexed beginning Fiscal Year 2005-2006 will be assessed \$93.13 per benefit unit. Each parcel in the Fox Field Industrial Corridor Landscape Maintenance District will be assessed \$0.31 per benefit unit. The proposed assessments include the CPI adjustment. A total of \$1,357,989 will be assessed against the benefiting properties, which will be used for maintenance expenses.

Background:

Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 and Fox Field Industrial Corridor Landscape Maintenance District were formed, including subsequent annexations thereto, for the purpose of providing maintenance services to landscaping and appurtenant improvements for various developments within the City and assessing those properties which benefit from this service. Each year the City Council must, by law, order the preparation of an Engineer's Report describing the existing and proposed maintenance services, and conduct a public hearing to establish and order the amount of assessment for the next fiscal year.

The landscaping improvements in the areas within the District will be maintained with funds generated by the Landscape Maintenance District. Each lot or parcel within the District that was annexed prior to Fiscal Year 2005-2006, as indicated on the diagram, will be assessed a unit assessment of \$80.00 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. The unit assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is the same as Fiscal Year 2004-2005, except for those parcels that were annexed beginning Fiscal Year 2005-2006, which will be assessed at a rate reflective of an annual index increase consistent with the consumer price index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Counties. Last year's rate was

\$90.33 per benefit unit. For Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the rate of assessment will be \$93.13 per benefit unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 3.1% ($\$90.33 \times 1.031 = \93.13). Last year's rate for the Fox Field Industrial Corridor Landscape Maintenance District was \$0.30 per benefit unit. For Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the rate of assessment will be \$0.31 per benefit unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 3.1% ($\$0.30 \times 1.031 = \0.31)

Attachments:

Resolution No. 08-53

District Fund Accounting for Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 08-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT IN LANCASTER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

WHEREAS, the City Council on June 10, 2008, adopted a Resolution of Intention to order the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 and Fox Field Industrial Corridor Landscape Maintenance District (hereinafter referred to as "the District") for the purpose of providing funds for the provision of landscape maintenance services located therein pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has prepared and filed an Engineer's Report with the City Clerk as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council did proceed to cause notice in the manner required by law of the time and place for a Public Hearing on the levying of the proposed assessment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heard all testimony and evidence and is desirous of proceeding with the levying of an assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Lancaster hereby finds that the public interest and convenience requires the continued maintenance of the landscape improvements in Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1.

Section 2. The District diagrams and assessments as set forth in said Report, or as modified, are hereby approved, confirmed, and adopted by the City Council.

Section 3. The adoption of this Resolution constitutes the levy of an assessment of \$80 per lot or parcel for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, for properties annexed prior to Fiscal Year 2005-2006, and at an assessment of \$93.13 per lot or parcel for properties annexed beginning fiscal year 2005-2006. Each parcel in the Fox Field Industrial Corridor Landscape Maintenance District will be assessed \$0.31 per benefit unit.

Section 4. The amounts to be assessed for the expenses of the maintenance, operation, and service as described in said Report and Resolution of Intention shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as County taxes are collected and shall be disbursed and expended for maintenance, operation and service of the

District, all as described in the Engineer's Report and in Section 4 of the Resolution of Intention.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution, upon its adoption, with the County Auditor.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
City Clerk
City of Lancaster

R. REX PARRIS
Mayor
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } ss
CITY OF LANCASTER }

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
CITY COUNCIL

I, _____, _____ City of Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 08-53, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this _____ day of _____, _____.

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