



# Administrative Report

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H.9., File # 25-0336

Meeting Date: 4/1/2025

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**To:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**From:** ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

## **TITLE**

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2504-019 OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 SECTIONS 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE DESCRIBING THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As part of the annual process to levy and collect assessment fees for the City's Street Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (District), the City Council is required to adopt a resolution ordering the City Engineer to prepare and file a report on the proposed assessments. Staff intends for the City Council to receive the report on May 6, 2025, and hold a public hearing on the assessment on June 3, 2025.

## **BACKGROUND**

Section 22500 et seq. of the Streets and Highways Code requires the City Council to annually adopt a resolution ordering the City Engineer to prepare and file a report on the proposed assessments for the District. If so ordered, the report will be completed in the next month and will include a diagram of the assessed area, plans and specifications for any proposed improvements funded by the District, and an analysis of assessment district operating revenues and expenditures.

Typically, the report is presented to the City Council for review in May each year with a recommendation to adopt a resolution of intention to levy and collect assessments, and to schedule a public hearing in June to consider final approval of the District's proposed assessment for the coming fiscal year.

The City's Street Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District is a Citywide District that includes approximately 20,000 parcels that are divided into Zones of Benefit per the Street and Highways Code. Zone 1 includes parcels situated along residential streets and Zone 2 includes those situated along boulevards and within commercial areas. It is estimated that 80% of all parcels are within Zone 1 and 20% in Zone 2. For FY 2024-25, the Zone 1 assessment is \$1.48 per foot of street frontage, or \$59.20 for a typical 40 ft. parcel. The Zone 2 assessment is \$3.02 per foot, or \$120.80 for a typical 40 ft. parcel.

The District was formed in 1983 under the requirements of the 1972 Landscaping and Lighting Act. The District operates and maintains the following public improvements: 5,294 Street Lights (3,395 of which are owned and operated by Southern California Edison and 1,899 of which are owned and operated by the City); 100 Signals (57 Traffic, 20 Flashing Yellow Beacon, and 23 Flashing Red Beacon); and 21.85 Acres of Landscaping. In FY 2023-24, the District operated at a deficit and received a \$928,829 subsidy from the General Fund. The budgeted subsidy for FY 2024-25 is \$1,125,701. It is anticipated that a similar subsidy will be required in FY 2025-26.

As described above, a typical home in Redondo Beach with a frontage of 40 feet pays approximately \$59.20 a year for street landscaping and lighting under the District's assessment methodology. This has not changed since 1991, despite the fact that costs to operate the District exceed revenues. In 2006, the City sought voter approval under Proposition 218 to raise the assessment to pay for all District costs. Redondo Beach property owners voted against the proposed fee increase.

Adoption of the attached Resolution will direct and authorize the City Engineer to prepare and file a report on the proposed assessments for FY 2025-26.

#### **COORDINATION**

The attached Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of preparing this Engineer's Report is included in the Public Works Department's adopted FY 2024-25 Annual Budget, and is part of the Department's annual work program.

#### **APPROVED BY**

*Mike Witzansky, City Manager*

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Reso - No. CC-2504-019 Prepare and File a Report Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972