
CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Council Meeting Date: 6/11/2015**
Agenda Item: 6A8

ACTION: Hold a public hearing to adopt a resolution approving the fiscal year 2015-2016 annual assessment for the City of Tempe Downtown Tempe Enhanced Services Improvement District, ruling on objections, making corrections, approving a new district map, and approving modified assessments. (Resolution No. R2015.56)

FISCAL IMPACT: The annual assessment for City owned property within the District for fiscal year 2015/2016 is \$123,299.49. Sufficient budget appropriation for the City's annual assessment was included as part of Community Development's recommended fiscal year 2015/16 General Fund budget, cost center 2712.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. R2015.56.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1993, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 93.35 creating the Downtown Tempe Enhanced Services District. The City contracts with the Downtown Tempe Authority (DTA) to manage and operate the District. Each property in the district is assessed unless it is exempt. Exempt properties are Rights of Way and those owned by the State, County, Churches, non-profit-organizations, Schools, and residences. ASU pays an in-lieu fee for qualifying properties.

The assessment is based on the location within the district and size of the building and property, and the uses that are made of the property. Each year the assessments are updated, based on changes to properties in the district and the Consumer Price Index.

Attached for the City Council's review is Resolution No. R2015.56, which, if approved, will fix the assessments for the upcoming fiscal year. The total annual assessment for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, is \$828,942.85; of that, the City is responsible for \$123,299.49. The annual assessment for the previous year was \$806,164.55.

All property owners being assessed were notified, by mail, of the public hearing and the notice was also published in the paper. The notice allows property owners to object or question the assessment. Written protests filed with the City Clerk's Office, if any, will be presented to the City Council at the June 11, 2015 annual assessment public hearing.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution, Notice of the Assessments and the Opportunity to Protest, District Boundary Map, Assessment Formula, Downtown Zone Map, and the 2015/2016 DTA Work Plan

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