



2017 Assessments for Citywide Landscaping & Lighting

(Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Benefit Assessment District)

What Is This Assessment District?

In June of 1989, the City of Sacramento established a Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District that includes all properties in the City. Sacramento and many other cities found that assessment district user fees are a more equitable way for property owners to pay for important services.

Prior to 1989 all property owners paid an equal share of the cost of street lighting, even though not all properties had streetlights.

Who Pays The Fee? How Much Is It?

All City property owners pay an annual Landscaping and Lighting assessment with their property tax. The fee appears as "Sacto City Landscaping & Lighting" on property tax bills. The amount of the assessment varies, depending on the services received. The assessment is based on the cost of the services and the degree to which properties benefit.

Proposed assessments for FY2016/17 are described on the other side. The proposed assessment for a single-family home in a neighborhood with streetlights is \$79.46 that was adjusted by 2.69% for the consumer price index (CPI) over last year's rate. The maximum annual adjustment is 3.00%.



What Is The Money Used For?



The district provides funding for the operations and maintenance (O&M) costs of streetlights, including electricity, throughout the City. It also provides funding for street tree and park maintenance as well as other public landscaped areas including street medians.

How Are The Assessments Determined?

Assessments are based on the cost of public improvements and related services, the number of property owners involved, and the degree to which property owner's benefit. Property owners in an assessment district, who receive no benefit, would not have to pay.

For example, if the assessment pays for neighborhood street light maintenance, properties located in a neighborhood without streetlights, don't pay the neighborhood street lighting portion of the assessment.



How Much Money Will Be Raised? What Services Will Be Funded?

Service:	Budget FY2016/17
CIP=Capital Improvement Project for new improvements	
Safety Lighting & Medians O&M	\$2,040,687
Neighborhood Street Lighting and CIP	\$3,855,226
Street Tree Maintenance	\$5,322,855
Park Maintenance	\$3,550,000
Graffiti Program	\$150,000
Park Improvement Bonding	\$580,538
Engineering/City & County Administration	\$233,050
Total Budget	\$15,732,356
Less Fund Balance Contribution	(\$273,606)
TOTAL ASSESSED TO PROPERTY OWNERS	\$15,458,750

Budget Overview

The proposed total budget is \$15,732,356. The proposed budget includes a \$273,606 use of fund balance, thus the proposed annual assessment is \$15,458,750. This includes the 2.69% Consumer Price Index adjustment for inflation in the assessment to support the budget.

City Council Action On Landscaping & Lighting Services, Fees & Bonding

Annually, the City Council holds a public hearings on Landscaping and Lighting services, assessments, and bond payments during their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall - 915 I Street, Sacramento



This meeting is normally during the month of July. The public is invited to attend and present comments or concerns. At the end of the hearing the Council takes final action on the proposed Landscaping and Lighting District. The hearing this year will be held on July 12, 2016.

What If I Don't Agree With the Proposed Services, Assessments?

You may protest the proposed services and or fees in writing, or in person at the annual City Council meeting. State law does not allow a legal protest by telephone. Send a letter to:



City Clerk
City of Sacramento
915 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

In the letter include your name, address, and property parcel number or a property description. Explain your concerns or objections. The City must receive your letter no later than 6 p.m. the day of the hearing.

For more information regarding your Landscaping and Lighting assessment or fees, you may, you may contact:



Diane Morrison at 808-7535 or
E-mail at dmorrison@cityofsacramento.org

Citywide Landscaping & Lighting Annual Assessments For July 2016 - June 2017

	Single Family Homes In A Neighborhood		Multi-Family Residential (Per Unit)	Business Property (square feet)			Church
	With Street Lights	Without Street Lights		0-25,000	25,001-100,000	100,001 or more	
Street Related O&M-Safety & Neighborhood Lighting, Street Tree & Median Maintenance	\$60.66	\$29.20	\$42.46 Lights \$20.44 No Lights	\$122.38	\$611.88	\$1,272.72	\$34.96
Park Improvement Bonding	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Park Facilities & Related O&M, Graffiti Abate.	\$18.80	\$18.80	\$12.80	\$32.16	\$160.80	\$ 334.44	\$ 9.18
Total Fee Per Year	\$79.46	\$48.00	\$55.26 Lights \$33.24 No Lights	\$154.54	\$772.68	\$1,607.16	\$44.14