

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An Ordinance of Intention to order the necessary street lighting systems to be operated, maintained, and repaired, including furnishing electric energy, for the Fiscal Year of 2026-2027, for the lighting of that district designated as the **CITY OF LOS ANGELES STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 5500** pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6.95 - 6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 53753 of the California Government Code, and Proposition 218 (Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution).

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles ("City"), State of California, intends to begin proceedings to form the City of Los Angeles Streetlight Maintenance Assessment District No. 5500 (the "District") pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22500 and hereafter referred to as the "Assessment Law"); and

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report supporting the formation of the District has been filed with the City Clerk and submitted to this Council in accordance with the Assessment Law and Article XIID of the California Constitution.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. **DECLARATION.** Pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Section 22500 et seq., of the California Streets and Highways Code ("Assessment Law"), the City Council declares its intention to order the formation of an assessment district and to levy and collect assessments for the district designated as the **CITY OF LOS ANGELES STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 5500.**

Sec. 2. **ADOPTION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT.** The City Council hereby adopts, approves and confirms the Engineer's Report ("Report") included in Council File No. _____ which contains a full and detailed description of improvements, the boundaries of the assessment district, and the assessment roll containing the Fiscal Year 2026 /27 levy for each Assessor's parcel within the District.

Sec. 3. **BENEFIT TO PARCELS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.** The City Council hereby affirms its finding that all parcels within the District will receive a special benefit from the improvements and activities funded by the assessments to be levied. All publicly owned parcels within the District that will derive special benefits from the maintenance and servicing of the improvements shall be assessed for such special benefits.

Sec. 4. IMPROVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. The City Council hereby declares that the proposed improvements to be funded by the levy of assessments on property within the District are detailed in the Engineer's Report. They include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) maintenance, servicing and operation of street lighting improvements:
- (b) the installation, construction or operation of any facilities which are appurtenant to any improvements listed in (a) or which are necessary or convenient for the maintenance or servicing; and
- (c) administrative expenses of the City including all direct and indirect costs related to the levy and collection of assessments.

All of this work shall be done in accordance with the report of the Director of the Bureau of Street Lighting adopted by the Board of Public Works, approved by the City Council and on file in the office of the City Clerk. Reference to the report is hereby made for a full and detailed description of the proposed improvement and of the assessments to be levied.

Sec. 5. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of the District are described as being all City streets with existing permanent streetlights, within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, as set forth and further described in the Engineer's Report.

Sec. 6. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS. The District's total assessment for the first year of operation is estimated to be \$125,000,000. The proposed assessments are outlined in the Engineer's Report which details the annual assessments and formula. The District will annually renew in accordance with Assessment Law and Article XIID of the California Constitution. For each year following the first year of the assessment, the amounts of the assessments designated in the assessment roll may be increased annually, without further notice or ballot, by no more than the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area, provided by the U.S. Dept. of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics), and as otherwise set forth in the Engineer's Report and the District Plan. The annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be calculated from the calendar year (January 1- December 31) just prior to the assessment period affected (July 1-June 30).

Sec. 7. INTERACTION WITH PRIOR ASSESSMENTS. The proposed street lighting maintenance assessments referenced here are intended to be in addition to or in replacement of the existing assessment, as specified in the Engineer's Report. Where the proposed assessment is to be in replacement of the existing assessment, if the proposed assessment is not levied, the existing assessment shall not be affected.

Sec. 8. COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS. The City Council hereby declares that to the extent possible, assessments shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as County ad valorem property taxes and shall be subject to all laws providing for the collection and enforcement of assessments. For properties that do not appear on the County tax rolls or for assessments for any years in which the City is unable to transmit the assessment information to the County in sufficient time for the County to collect the assessments with the County ad valorem property taxes, the City may bill and collect the assessments by mailing assessment notices (Statement of Assessment Due) to each property owner with the District at the address shown on City records. Assessments billed by the City are due 45 calendar days after the Statement of Assessment Due.

Sec. 9. NOTICE, PROTESTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES. The City shall follow the notice, protest, and hearing procedure prescribed in Section 22588 of the Assessment Law, Government Code section 53750 (the "Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act"), Article XIID of the California Constitution ("Article XIID"), and to the extent not otherwise addressed by Sections 6.95 and 6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Los Angeles Municipal Code or Los Angeles Administrative Code, any person may provide written objections to the legal sufficiency of this district to the City Clerk at any time not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing set forth in Section 11, below, and/or may give written or oral objections at that hearing. This notice, protest, and hearing procedure provides the City's administrative remedy for any substantive complaints regarding the legal sufficiency of the District. The City will consider any complaint that the District does not satisfy legal sufficiency during this notice, protest, and hearing procedure. Any substantive complaint regarding the legal sufficiency of this District that is not presented during this notice, protest, and hearing procedure will be waived for failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

Sec. 10. PREPARATION AND MAILING OF NOTICES. The Board of Public Works shall ensure the preparation and mailing of a notice of the improvements, the Engineer's Report, and a ballot to each property owner affected by the assessment and have the notices published in newspapers of general circulation published and distributed in the several areas of the City in the manner and form and within the time required by law.

Sec. 11. PUBLIC HEARING. The City Council shall hold a public hearing on _____ at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as City Council business permits, and on any hours and days for continued hearing as ordered by City Council, in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012. Any person objecting to this assessment or challenging its legal sufficiency may file a written protest or appeal with the City Clerk at any time prior to the close of the hearing on this matter by the City Council. A protest must contain a description of the property in which each signer owns an interest, sufficient to identify the property, and be delivered to the City Clerk, and no other protests than those presented within the time specified will be considered. Any person who wishes to object to this assessment or challenge its legal sufficiency may also present written or oral comments at any time prior to the close of the public hearing on this matter. Before the conclusion of this hearing, continued as necessary, the City Council shall address any objection or challenge to the legal sufficiency of this assessment as it deems fit, up to and including reducing or eliminating any assessment. This provides the City's administrative remedy for this assessment.

Sec. 12. TABULATION OF BALLOTS. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Clerk shall tabulate all assessment ballots that have been submitted and not withdrawn. To be included in the tabulation, assessment ballots must be received by the City Clerk either at the address indicated in the notice required by Government Code Section 53753 or at the site of the public hearing prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. The City Clerk shall certify the results of the tabulation to the City Council during its hearing on _____ at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as City Council business permits, in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Sec. 13. CERTIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____