

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A PROPERTY
TAX ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FRESNO FOR
PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE FRESNO FIRE AND POLICE
RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE FRESNO CITY EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2016

WHEREAS, Section 96.31 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a statute enacted prior to August 1, 1985, authorized a local agency to impose a property tax rate to make payments in support of pension programs approved by the voters before July 1, 1978, provided the local agency imposed the property tax rate in the 1982-83 or 1983-84 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Police Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System are pension programs approved by the voters before July 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Council duly adopted Ordinance 83-116 on August 16, 1983, authorizing the levy and collection of a property tax fixed, designated and levied as retirement funds at the rate of .032438 per \$100.00 of gross assessed valuation for the 1983-84 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of the State of California validated said tax in Action No. 300260—7 (*City of Fresno v. Superior Court* (1984) 156 Cal.App.3d 1137); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-201 of the Fresno Municipal Code the County of Fresno is authorized to assess, equalize, levy and collect ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the City of Fresno.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County of Fresno is hereby instructed to levy upon the taxable property of the City of Fresno for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, a property tax which is fixed, designated, and levied as follows:

FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT FUNDS AND EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUNDS

SECTION 2. The tax shall be levied at a rate of .032438 per \$100.00 of gross assessed valuation.

SECTION 3. The tax shall be levied and collected pursuant to Section 7-201 of the Fresno Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. The City Controller is authorized and directed to apply the tax proceeds produced by this ordinance only toward indebtedness incurred by the City in maintaining the level of retirement benefits that existed under the Fire and Police Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System at the time of adoption of the Charter by the electorate of this City in 1957, for all current and future employees, consistent with the decision, holding, findings and final determination of the courts in this action referenced above.

SECTION 5. This ordinance constitutes an ordinance providing for a tax levy on property and may be adopted on the day of its introduction, and shall be effective upon adoption pursuant to Sections 600(b) and 610(b) of the Charter of the City of Fresno.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective and in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first day after its final passage.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Approval: _____, 2016
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2016
Mayor Veto: _____, 2016
Council Override Veto: _____, 2016

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
RAJ SINGH BADHESHA
Deputy City Attorney