

Temecula Community Services District Service Level C Proposed Increased Assessment

The Temecula Community Services District (“TCSD”) is proposing an adjustment to the annual assessment for the landscaping operations and maintenance for several assessment area Zones, including the Zone in which your parcel is located. A meeting to go over the proposal and the included ballot, will be held on **June 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM** in the Civic Center Conference Center located at 41000 Main St, Temecula, CA 92590.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Service Level C?

- A Service District created to pay for the costs of on-going maintenance of public landscaping that provides special benefits to parcels in given areas of the City. The district provides services solely for the benefit of those parcels located within each zone.

2. When was my Zone established?

- The District was established in 1990s

3. What improvements and benefits are provided by the District?

- These improvements may include parkway or perimeter landscaping adjacent to the developments as well as specific in-tract landscaping improvements such as entryway or median landscaping, and monuments associated with the development. To this extent, local landscaping improvements are associated with the individual developments and provide special benefits to the properties within those developments.

4. What improvement will be provided with the increased assessment?

- Mowing turf, pruning shrubs and trimming of applicable trees, and weed and trash removal on regular intervals
- Slopes and planter beds trimming, weeding, irrigation maintenance, fertilization to maintain landscapes in a manner that presents a professionally landscaped appearance
- All shrubs trimmed symmetrically in natural form and proportion, but not to interfere with vehicular and pedestrian clearance, visibility and access
- Trees shall be trimmed at appropriate time of year based on tree species and to address public safety issues. Tree shall be trimmed on a 3 to 5-year pruning cycle when budget permits
- Regular inspection of irrigation system controllers and components to ensure the efficient and uniform use of water

5. How were the rates established?

- Every Zone has a maximum allowable assessment which is established at the time of formation. The maximum assessment is based on maintenance cost projections to cover the cost of maintaining the landscaping and related landscape amenities within each Zone.
- These rates have remained the same since formation and can no longer keep up with the current and increasing maintenance costs.



6. How has the City been able to continue maintaining the landscaping in my Zone?

- As the current assessment rates are not sufficient to cover the cost of regular maintenance, the City has cut the frequency of service items such as mowing, tree trimming and watering, etc. The increase in assessments would allow the City to return to a full maintenance schedule and be able to replace or rehabilitate any dying vegetation.

7. What is Proposition 218?

- Passed by voters in November 1996, Proposition 218 requires voter approval for assessment increases that exceed the zone's approved maximum assessment. In the event that maintenance costs exceed the maximum allowable assessment revenue, special balloting procedures may be implemented to give zone participants the opportunity to raise the maximum allowable assessment to cover the zone's maintenance needs.

a) What comes next?

- You will be receiving a ballot in the mail to cast your vote either in favor of or in opposition to the increase in the assessment rate for your zone. Please fill out the ballot, sign it, and return it to the City Clerk in the prepaid envelope provided with the ballot or you can hand deliver it to the City Clerk prior to the close of the public hearing on July 23rd, 2019.

b) How does the assessment increase pass?

- The assessment increase passes if the majority of ballots returned are in favor of proposed rates.