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**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 FOR PROPERTY IN THE INDIAN HILLS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. Findings:** The Council finds that:

- (A) Chapter 372 (*Public Improvement District Assessment Act*) of the Texas Local Government Code (Act) authorized the creation of the Indian Hills Public Improvement District (District).
- (B) On August 5, 2010, the City Council passed a resolution, which approved the creation of the District in accordance with its findings.
- (C) On November 19, 2015, the City Council approved a calendar year 2016 assessment, proposed year 2016 assessment roll, and a service plan and budget for the District.
- (D) On December 17, 2015, the City Council held a public hearing, properly noticed under the Act, to consider the levy of the proposed assessments on property within the District for calendar year 2016.
- (E) At the December 17, 2015 public hearing, the City Council heard each objection to a proposed assessment, found in each case that the assessments levied against each parcel are reasonable and consistent with the special benefits conferred by the District, and passed on each objection before it closed the public hearing.
- (F) The assessments set out in Exhibit A, attached to and incorporated in this ordinance:
  - (1) should be made and levied against the property and property owners within the District;
  - (2) are in proportion to the benefits to the property for the services and improvements in the District; and

1 (3) establish substantial justice, equality, and uniformity in the amount assessed  
2 against each property owner for the benefits received and burdens imposed.  
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4 (G) In each case, the property assessed is benefited by the services and improvements  
5 provided in the District.  
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7 (H) The exclusion of certain property from assessment is reasonable because the  
8 excluded property will not receive a benefit from the District that is sufficient to  
9 justify an assessment and the exclusions promote efficient management of the  
10 District.  
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12 (I) The procedures followed and apportionment of the cost of the services and  
13 improvements in the District comply with applicable law and the purpose for  
14 which the District was formed.  
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16 (J) The assessments are based on each parcel owners pro rata share of the Assessable  
17 Acres.  
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19 **PART 2. Exemptions and Exclusions.** The Council exempts the following from payment  
20 of the assessment and excludes from the roll:

21 (A) property of the City used for public purpose;

22 (B) property owned by the County and property owned by political subdivisions of the  
23 State of Texas and used for public purpose; and

24 (C) other property that is excluded by law or by agreement of the City and the  
25 petitioners.

26 **PART 3. Assessment and Levy.** The assessments shown on Exhibit A are levied and  
27 assessed against the property in the District and against the record owner of the property  
28 identified by the Travis Central Appraisal District records.

29 **PART 4. Liability of Multiple Owners.** Each owner of property in the District owned by  
30 two or more individuals or entities is personally liable for the amount of the assessment  
31 equal to the share of the total assessment against the property based on the owner's partial  
32 interest in the total property ownership. A property owner's interest in property may be  
33 released from an assessment lien if the owner pays the owner's proportionate share of an  
34 assessment.  
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1 **PART 5. Interest and Lien.**

2 (A) An assessment shown on Exhibit A:

- 3 (1) accrues interest at the rate of 0% from the effective date of this ordinance until  
4 January 31, 2016 for the portion of the assessment due on January 31, 2016;
- 5 (2) accrues interest at the rate of 0% from the effective date of this ordinance until  
6 July 1, 2016 for the portion of the assessment due on July 1, 2016;
- 7 (3) accrues interest, penalties, and attorney’s fees in the same manner as a  
8 delinquent ad valorem tax after January 31, 2016 and July 1, 2016,  
9 respectively, until paid; and
- 10 (4) is a lien on the property shown in Exhibit “A” and the personal liability of the  
11 property owner.

12 **PART 6. Due Date and Collection.** An assessment is due and payable in full on or before  
13 the due dates (January 31, 2016 and July 1, 2016). If a property owner defaults on payment  
14 of an assessment against the owner’s property, the city manager may file suit to collect the  
15 assessment and may initiate a lien foreclosure, including interest, penalties, costs and  
16 attorney’s fees.

17 **PART 7. Statutory Authority.** The assessments levied by this ordinance are made under  
18 the authority of Chapter 372 (*Public Improvement District Assessment Act*) of the Texas  
19 Local Government Code.

20 **PART 8. Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of  
21 this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity  
22 does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance.

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