

ORDINANCE NO. 7,966-N.S.

SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 SPECIAL TAX RATE TO FUND THE SUSTAINABLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FUNDING FOR EQUITABLE STREET TRANSFORMATION, REVITALIZATION, ENHANCEMENTS, AND ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY (SAFE STREETS) INITIATIVE, MEASURE FF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. The rate of tax for FY 2026 (to cover an 18-month period of time), to provide for the costs incurred for the funding street and sidewalk repairs, safety improvements, and environmental infrastructure projects (Measure FF) is hereby fixed and apportioned upon the square feet of improvements as defined in the Ordinance as follows:

\$0.17 per square foot of dwelling unit improvements and \$0.25 per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional building improvements (Non-Residential).

Section 2. The cost to taxpayers during FY 2025 and FY 2026 will be \$306 for a 1,200 square foot dwelling and \$765 for a 3,000 square foot dwelling. For other non-residential properties, during FY 2025 and FY 2026, the cost will be \$450 for a 1,200 square foot dwelling and \$1,125 for a 3,000 square foot dwelling.

Section 3. This tax rate will result in estimated total collection of \$22.5 million over 18 months.

Section 4. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on June 17, 2025, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Blackaby, Humbert, Kesarwani, Lunaparra, O’Keefe, Taplin, Tregub, and Ishii.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

