



ORDINANCE NO. 7,973-N.S.

SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 SPECIAL TAX RATE TO FUND LIBRARY SERVICES TAX IN THE CITY OF BERKELEY

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

Section 1. The FY 2026 Tax Rate to support usual and current expenses of operating library services is set at \$0.2980 per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.4506 per square foot for industrial, commercial and institutional buildings.

Section 2. The cost to taxpayers during FY 2026 will be \$447.00 for a 1,500 square foot dwelling and \$675.90 for all other property of similar size.

Section 3. This tax rate will result in estimated total collections of \$28,150,804.

Section 4. The tax imposed by this ordinance does not apply to any property owner whose total personal income, from all sources for the previous calendar year, does not exceed that level which shall constitute a very low income, as established by resolution of City Council.

Section 5. 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.

