

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_(CM)**

**AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE INSTRUCTING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ TO LEVY AND COLLECT A PROPERTY TAX ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, FIXING THE RATE OF 0.077% THEREOF AND ALLOCATING IT TO THE RETIREMENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 13 [Article XIII of the State Constitution] does not apply to measures approved by the voters prior to the effective date of the Article XIII of the State Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the State Employees Retirement System or other system for the retirement of City employees, hereinafter set forth, is a measure approved by the voters of the City of Watsonville prior to the effective date of Article XIII-A; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 437-78 (CM), as amended by Ordinance No. 670-85 (CM), the County of Santa Cruz is authorized to levy and collect ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the City of Watsonville; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2006, at a Special Municipal Election, the voters of the City of Watsonville approved Subdivision (3)(b) of Section 1122 of Article XI of the Charter of the City of Watsonville establishing the rate to be collected not to exceed 7.7 cents on each One Hundred and no/100<sup>th</sup> (\$100.00) Dollars of assessed valued.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. ENACTMENT.** The County of Santa Cruz is hereby instructed to levy upon the taxable property of the City of Watsonville for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, a property tax which is hereby fixed at the rate of 0.077% (pursuant to Subsection

1122(b)(3) of the Charter of the City of Watsonville), designated and to be allocated and divided among the funds of the City, as described and attached hereto on Exhibit "A."

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption in accordance with Section 608(c) of the Charter.

**SECTION 3. PUBLICATION.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause this ordinance to be published in one regular issue of the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian and/or Santa Cruz Sentinel in compliance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Watsonville within fifteen (15) days after its adoption.

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