

**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, 2022, FIXING THE RATE OF 0.077% THEREOF AND  
ALLOCATING TAX REVENUES TO THE RETIREMENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the limitation provided for in Proposition 13, codified at California State Constitution Article XIII A, does not apply to indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, the effective date of Article XIII A; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the City of Watsonville approved the levy and collection of a tax sufficient to meet all obligations of the City to the State Employees Retirement System, or other system for the retirement of City employees, in 1960, prior to the effective date of Article XIII A, when they approved and adopted the Charter of the City of Watsonville; 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 Section 1122(b)(3) of the Charter of the City of Watsonville establishing the tax rate for the above-described tax as 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, 2022, 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, the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, adopted by the City Council on June 28, 2022.

## **SECTION 2. RECITALS.**

The City Council finds and determines the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and hereby makes them a part of this Ordinance.

## **SECTION 3. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.**

The City Council finds that this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and is not a "project," as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

## **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the

fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

#### **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption in accordance with Section 608(c) of the Charter of the City of Watsonville.

#### **SECTION 6. 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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