DATE: July 11, 2023
TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Ordinance Approving the Secured Property Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members introduce and adopt an ordinance approving the secured property tax rates for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND:
Section 96.31 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a statute enacted prior to August 1, 1985, authorized a local agency to impose a property tax rate to make payments in support of pension programs approved by the voters before July 1, 1978, provided the local agency imposed the property tax rate in the 1982-83 or 1983-84 Fiscal Year.

On August 30, 1983, the Inglewood City Council approved Emergency Ordinance Number 2449, fixing the amount of money necessary to be raised by taxation upon the taxable property in Inglewood for the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). The City Council declared that the tax required to be paid is to be assessed pursuant to the powers granted under Article 3, Section 4 of the Inglewood City Charter and is intended for the purpose of allowing the City to meet its voter-approved obligations to participate in CalPERS.

The tax imposed by this ordinance was set at a rate of 0.146958 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed property value and has remained unchanged in the 40 years that it has been in effect.

DISCUSSION:
On August 22, 2013, the County of Los Angeles advised staff that the past administrative process whereby staff signed and certified the annual rate sheet, including a certified copy of Ordinance Number 2449 would no longer be sufficient to be included on the property tax rolls. Instead, the County is requiring an annual adoption of an ordinance to ensure the current City Council’s approval of the tax rate.

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:
The City’s annual Budget contains a revenue estimate of $19 million or more in General Fund monies from property tax revenues for this purpose. Adoption of the ordinance will allow the continued collection of this revenue source.
Mayor and Council Members
Ordinance - Secured Property Tax Rates for FY2022-2023
July 11, 2023

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment No. 1: Ordinance

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1
ORDINANCE NO. ____________

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A
PROPERTY TAX ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF
INGLEWOOD FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE INGLEWOOD
FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE
INGLEWOOD CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, Section 96.31 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a statute enacted
prior to August 1, 1985, authorizes a local agency to impose a property tax rate to make
payments in support of pension programs approved by the voters before July 1, 1978,
provided the local agency imposed the property tax rate in the 1982-83 or 1983-84 fiscal
year; and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Police Retirement System and the Employees'
Retirement System are pension programs approved by the voters before July 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the City Council duly adopted Ordinance 2449 on August 30,
1983, authorizing the levy and collection of a property tax fixed, designated and levied
as retirement funds at the rate of .146958 per $100.00 of gross assessed valuation for the
1983-84 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Inglewood Municipal Code the
County of Los Angeles is authorized to assess, equalize, levy and collect ad valorem
taxes on taxable property within the City of Inglewood.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County of Los Angeles is hereby instructed to levy upon the
taxable property of the City of Inglewood for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023,
a property tax which is fixed, designated, and levied as follows:
FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT FUNDS AND EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUNDS

SECTION 2. The tax shall be levied at a rate of .146958 per $100.00 of gross assessed valuation.

SECTION 3. The tax shall be levied and collected pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Inglewood Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. The City's Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to apply the tax proceeds produced by this ordinance only toward indebtedness incurred by the City in maintaining the level of retirement benefits that existed under the Fire and Police Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System at the time of adoption of the Charter by the electorate of this City in 1944 and amended in 1999, for all current and future employees.

SECTION 5. This ordinance constitutes an ordinance providing for a tax levy on property and may be adopted on the day of its introduction, and shall be effective upon adoption pursuant to Article X, Legislative Procedure, of the Charter of the City of Inglewood.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ______ day of __________, 2023.

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James T. Butts Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aisha L. Thompson, City Clerk