

## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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**DATE:** May 2, 2017

**TITLE:** Resolution of Intention to Create a Special Tax Area Zone for Property, (MERJ, LLC), to the Desert Hot Springs Special Public Safety Tax Area (Zone 20)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Adopt a Resolution of Intention which establishes the time and place of the Public Hearing (June 6, 2017) to establish Zone 20 within the Special Public Safety Tax Area for Police and Fire Protection Services, and authorizing an election.**

### **DISCUSSION**

It is of critical importance to the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs that residents of the City receive high quality police and fire protection services. In carefully reviewing the City's budget and revenue projections with the Police and Fire Departments, it has become clear to City staff that the City budget does not contain adequate funding to ensure the continued delivery of adequate high quality public safety services unless additional revenues are obtained.

This Resolution of Intention establishes the time and place of the Public Hearing to establish Zone 20, within the Public Safety Tax area, for police and fire protection services and authorizing the levy of a tax on improved parcels of real property on the secured property tax roll of Riverside County that are within Zone 20 of the Desert Hot Springs Special Public Safety Tax Area (the "Zone"). The voters of Zone 20 recognize the importance of adequate public safety services to the entire Desert Hot Springs community and approve this tax to ensure that those services will be maintained and improved citywide.

The revenues raised by this tax are to be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining police and fire protection equipment or apparatus, for paying the salaries and benefits of police and fire protection personnel, and for such other police and fire protection service expenses as are deemed necessary for the benefit of the residents of Zone 20. Exhibit B of the Resolution is a copy of the petition requesting the creation of Zone 20.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The applicant has paid a deposit of \$5,000, which covers the costs of establishing the zone. The property owner is responsible for all costs and payment of associated levy amounts applied to the annual tax roll for police and fire maintenance services.

### **EXHIBIT(S)**

- 1) Site Map
- 2) Resolution Creating Special Tax Area Zone 20
- 3) Resolution Exhibit B – Petition
- 4) Council Properties Map