

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-___

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE, CALIFORNIA
ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY
FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2022-3 (LEGADO) OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE
AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA
NO. 2 AND IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 3**

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2022, the City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of Menifee (the “City”) adopted Resolution No. 22-1187 declaring its intention to form Community Facilities District No. 2022-3 (Legado) of the City of Menifee (the “District”) and Improvement Area No. 1 (“Improvement Area No. 1”) and Improvement Area No. 2 (“Improvement Area No. 2”) therein pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, comprising Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California (the “Act”), and its Resolution No. 22-1188 declaring its intention to incur bonded indebtedness for each of Improvement Area No. 1 and Improvement Area No. 2; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, after providing all notice required by the Act, the City Council conducted a noticed public hearing required by the Act relative to the proposed formation of the District, the designation of Improvement Area No. 1 and Improvement Area No. 2, the proposed levy of a special tax therein to finance certain public facilities described in Resolution No. 22-1187 and to secure the payment of any bonded indebtedness of the District for Improvement Area No. 1 and Improvement Area No. 2, and the proposed issuance of up to \$40,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for Improvement Area No. 1 and up to \$45,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for Improvement Area No. 2, as described in Resolution No. 22-1188; and

WHEREAS, at the September 21, 2022, public hearing, all persons desiring to be heard on all matters pertaining to the formation of the District, the designation of the Improvement Areas and the proposed levy of the special tax to finance the facilities described in Resolution No. 22-1187 and to secure the payment of up to \$40,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for Improvement Area No. 1 and of up to \$45,000,000 of bonded indebtedness for Improvement Area No. 2 as described in Resolution No. 22-1188 were heard and a full and fair hearing was held; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution Nos. 22-1222 and 22-1223, which formed the District, designated Improvement Area No. 1 and Improvement Area No. 2 and called a special election within each of Improvement Area No. 1 and Improvement Area No. 2 on September 21, 2022, in each case on three propositions relating to the levy of a special tax within each Improvement Area, the issuance of the Bonds by the District for each Improvement Area and the establishment of an appropriations limit within the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, a special election was held within Improvement Area No. 1 at which the qualified electors therein approved by more than a two-thirds vote Propositions A, B and C set forth in Attachment B to Resolution No. 22-1222 authorizing the levy of a special tax within Improvement Area No. 1 for the purposes described in Resolution No. 22-1222, the issuance of the bonds for Improvement Area No. 1 as described in Resolution No. 22-1222 and establishing an appropriations limit for the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, a special election was held within Improvement Area No. 2 at which the qualified electors therein approved by more than a two-thirds vote Propositions D, E and F set forth in Attachment C to Resolution No. 22-1222 authorizing the levy of a special tax within Improvement Area No. 2 for the purposes described in Resolution No. 22-1222, the issuance of the Bonds for Improvement Area No. 2 as described in Resolution No. 22-1222 and establishing an appropriations limit for the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to certain change proceedings and an election held within Improvement Area No. 2 on November 6, 2024 (Resolution Nos. 24-1507 and 24-1508), certain property was removed from Improvement Area No. 2 and an amended and restated rate and method of apportionment was approved for Improvement Area No. 2 as attached to Resolution No. 24-1500 adopted by the City Council on October 2, 2024 (the “Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to certain change proceedings certain property previously included within Improvement Area No. 2 was removed from Improvement Area No. 2 and such property has been designated as Improvement Area No. 3 (“Improvement Area No. 3” and together with Improvement Area No. 1 and Improvement Area No. 2 (as modified), the “Improvement Areas”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an election held within Improvement Area No. 3 on November 6, 2024 (Resolution Nos. 24-1507 and 24-1508), a rate and method of apportionment was approved for Improvement Area No. 3 as attached to Resolution No. 24-1500 adopted by the City Council on October 2, 2024 (the “Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method”) and the issuance of bonds for Improvement Area No. 3 (together with bonds of Improvement Area No. 1 and Improvement Area No. 2, the “Bonds”) in a principal amount up to \$28,000,000 was authorized; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the change proceedings described above, the City Council determined that the District shall not issue bonds for Improvement Area No. 2 in a principal amount exceeding \$17,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Menifee, California does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and correct.

Section 2. By the passage of this Ordinance, the City Council authorizes and levies special taxes within Improvement Area No. 2 pursuant to Sections 53328 and 53340 of the Act at the rates and in accordance with Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method, which is incorporated by reference herein. The special taxes are hereby levied commencing in the fiscal year specified in the Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method and in each fiscal year thereafter until payment in full of the Bonds issued by the District for Improvement Area No. 2 (including any bonds issued to refund the Bonds), payment of all costs of the public facilities authorized to be financed by the District for Improvement Area No. 2, and payment of all costs of administering the District allocable to Improvement Area No. 2.

By the passage of this Ordinance, the City Council authorizes and levies special taxes within Improvement Area No. 3 pursuant to Sections 53328 and 53340 of the Act at the rates and in accordance with Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method, which is incorporated by reference herein. The special taxes are hereby levied commencing in the fiscal year specified in the Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method and in each fiscal year thereafter until payment in full of the Bonds issued by the District for Improvement Area No. 3 (including any bonds issued to refund the Bonds), payment of all costs of the public facilities authorized to be financed by the District for Improvement Area No. 3, and payment of all costs of administering the District allocable to Improvement Area No. 3.

Section 3. Each of the Mayor, the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, or their written designees (each, an “Authorized Officer”), acting alone, is hereby authorized and directed each fiscal year to determine the specific special tax rates and amounts to be levied in such fiscal year on each parcel of real property within Improvement Area No. 2 and Improvement Area No. 3, in the manner and as provided in the Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method and the Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method, respectively. The special tax rate levied on a parcel pursuant to the Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method and the Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method shall not

exceed the maximum rate set forth in the Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method and the Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method for such parcel, but the special tax may be levied at a lower rate. Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the Treasurer-Tax Collector of the County of Riverside and to otherwise take all actions necessary in order to effect proper billing and collection of the special tax within Improvement Area No. 2 and Improvement Area No. 3, so that the special tax shall be levied and collected in sufficient amounts and at times necessary to satisfy the financial obligations of the District for Improvement Area No. 2 and Improvement Area No. 3 in each fiscal year, and with respect to Special Tax, until the Bonds issued by the District for Improvement Area No. 2 and Improvement Area No. 3, as applicable, are paid in full, the facilities financed for Improvement Area No. 2 and Improvement Area No. 3, as applicable, have been paid for, and provision has been made for payment of all of the administrative costs of the District.

Section 4. Properties or entities of the state, federal or other local governments shall be exempt from the special tax for Improvement Area No. 2, except as otherwise provided in Sections 53317.3 and 53317.5 of the Act and Section F of the Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method. No other properties or entities within Improvement Area No. 2 are exempt from the special tax unless the properties or entities are expressly exempted in Resolution Nos. 22-1222 and 24-1500 or in a resolution of consideration to levy a new special tax or special taxes or to alter the Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method or an existing special tax as provided in Section 53334 of the Act.

Properties or entities of the state, federal or other local governments shall be exempt from the special tax for Improvement Area No. 3, except as otherwise provided in Sections 53317.3 and 53317.5 of the Act and Section F of the Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method. No other properties or entities within Improvement Area No. 3 are exempt from the special tax unless the properties or entities are expressly exempted in Resolution Nos. 22-1222 and 24-1500 or in a resolution of consideration to levy a new special tax or special taxes or to alter the Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method or an existing special tax as provided in Section 53334 of the Act.

Section 5. All of the collections of the special tax within Improvement Area No. 2 shall be used as provided for in the Act, the Amended Improvement Area No. 2 Rate and Method and Resolution Nos. 22-1222 and 24-1500.

All of the collections of the special tax within Improvement Area No. 3 shall be used as provided for in the Act, the Improvement Area No. 3 Rate and Method and Resolution Nos. 22-1222 and 24-1500.

Section 6. The special tax within Improvement Area No. 2 and Improvement Area No. 3 shall be collected in the same manner as ordinary ad valorem property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure, sale and lien priority in case of delinquency as is provided for ad valorem taxes (which such procedures include the exercise of all rights and remedies permitted by law to make corrections, including, but not limited to, the issuance of amended or supplemental tax bills), as such procedure may be modified by law or by this City Council from time to time.

Section 7. As a cumulative remedy, if any amount levied as a special tax for payment of the interest or principal of the Bonds issued by the District for Improvement Area No. 2 (including any bonds issued to refund such Bonds), together with any penalties and other charges accruing under this Ordinance, are not paid when due, the City Council may, not later than four years after the due date of the last installment of principal on such Bonds (including any bonds issued to refund such Bonds), order that the same be collected by an action brought in the superior court to foreclose the lien of such special tax within Improvement Area No. 2, as authorized by the Act.

As a cumulative remedy, if any amount levied as a special tax for payment of the interest or principal of the Bonds issued by the District for Improvement Area No. 3 (including any bonds issued to refund such Bonds), together with any penalties and other charges accruing under this Ordinance, are not paid when due, the City Council may, not later than four years after the due date of the last installment of principal on such Bonds (including any bonds issued to refund such Bonds), order that the same be collected by an action brought in the superior court to foreclose the lien of such special tax within Improvement Area No. 3, as authorized by the Act.

Section 8. The Mayor of the City shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk or any Acting City Clerk (referred to herein as the “City Clerk”) shall attest to the Mayor’s signature and then cause the same to be published within fifteen (15) days after its passage at least once in The Press Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Menifee.

Section 9. The specific authorization for adoption of this Ordinance is pursuant to the provisions of Section 53340 of the Act.

Section 10. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to the Treasurer-Tax Collector of the County of Riverside, and to perform all other acts that are required by the Act, this Ordinance or by law in order to accomplish the purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 11. This Ordinance supersedes Ordinance No 2022-353 adopted on October 5, 2022, with respect to Improvement Area No. 2. All other provisions on Ordinance No 2022-353 remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. A full reading of this Ordinance is dispensed with prior to its final passage, a written or printed copy having been available to the City Council and the public a day prior to its final passage.

Section 13. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its final passage.

This Ordinance was introduced and read on the 6th day of November, 2024 and **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 20th day of November, 2024.

Bill Zimmerman, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Roseen, Acting City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney