

**ORDINANCE NO. 636-26**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2026-1 (GIERSON RANCH) OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2026, the City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of Murrieta (the “City”) adopted Resolution No. 26-4915 declaring its intention to form Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 of the City of Murrieta (Gierson Ranch) (the “District”) 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. 26-4916 declaring its intention to incur bonded indebtedness for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, due to certain complexities of the proposed formation of Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch), on April 21, 2026, the public hearing called for such date relative to the proposed formation of Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) and the levy of the special tax therein was opened and continued to June 2, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2026, 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 proposed levy of a special tax therein to finance certain public facilities described in Resolution No. 26-4915 and to secure the payment of any bonded indebtedness of the District, and the proposed issuance of bonded indebtedness in one or more series in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$8,000,000, as described in Resolution No. 26-4916; and

**WHEREAS**, at the June 2, 2026 public hearing, all persons desiring to be heard on all matters pertaining to the formation of the District and the proposed levy of the special tax to finance the facilities described in Resolution No. 26-4915 and to secure the payment of bonded indebtedness in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$8,000,000 of the District as described in Resolution No. 26-4915 (the “Bonds”) were heard and a full and fair hearing was held; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution Nos. 26-4939 and 26-4940 which formed the District and called a special election within the District on June 2, 2026 on three propositions relating to the levy of a special tax within the District, the issuance of the Bonds and the establishment of an appropriations limit within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2026, a special election was held within the District at which the qualified electors approved by more than a two thirds vote Propositions A, B, and C authorizing the levy of a special tax within the District for the purposes described in Resolution No. 26-4939, the issuance of the Bonds as described in Resolution No. 26-4940 and establishing an appropriations limit for the District; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2026-1 (GIERSON RANCH) OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA DOES HEREBY 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 the District pursuant to Sections 53328 and 53340 of the Act at the rates and in accordance with the rate and method of apportionment set forth in Attachment C to Resolution No. 26-4915, which is incorporated by reference herein (the “Rate and Method”). The special taxes are hereby levied commencing in the fiscal year specified in the Rate and Method and in each fiscal year thereafter until payment in full of the Bonds (including any bonds issued to refund the Bonds), payment of all costs of the public facilities and services authorized to be financed by the District, and payment of all costs of administering the District.

**Section 3.** Each of the Mayor, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Director of Finance, 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 the District, in the manner and as provided in the Rate and Method. The special tax rate levied on a parcel pursuant to the Rate and Method shall not exceed the maximum rate set forth in the 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, 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 in each fiscal year, and with respect to Special Tax, until the Bonds are paid in full, the facilities 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, except as otherwise provided in Sections 53317.3 and 53317.5 of the Act and Section F of the Rate and Method. No other properties or entities are exempt from the special tax unless the properties or entities are expressly exempted in Resolution No. 26-4939 or in a resolution of consideration to levy a new special tax or special taxes or to alter the rate or method of apportionment or an existing special tax as provided in Section 53334 of the Act.

**Section 5.** All of the collections of the special tax shall be used as provided for in the Act, the Rate and Method and Resolution No. 26-4939.

**Section 6.** The special tax 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 (including any bonds issued to refund the 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 the Bonds (including any bonds issued to refund the Bonds), order that the same be collected by an action brought in the superior court to foreclose the lien of such special tax, as authorized by the Act.

**Section 8.** The Mayor of the City shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk or Deputy 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 Murrieta.

**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 which are required by the Act, this Ordinance or by law in order to accomplish the purpose of this Ordinance.

**Section 11.** 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 12.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its final passage after its passage and adoption, and within fifteen (15) days after its final passage and the City Clerk shall cause it to be posted and published in a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the City in the manner required by law and shall cause a copy of this Ordinance and its certification, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the City.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Jon Levell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Tiffany J. Israel, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE   )§  
CITY OF MURRIETA        )

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 636-26 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Murrieta at the regular meeting thereof, held on the \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and was signed by the Mayor of the said City, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California further certify that Ordinance No. 636-26 was duly published according to law and the order of the City Council of said City and the same was so published in Press Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation on the following date(s):

Introduced Ordinance:

Adopted Ordinance:

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk