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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC**

DIVISION 24. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING [33000 - 37964] (Heading of Division 24 amended by Stats. 1975, Ch. 1137.)

PART 1. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT LAW [33000 - 33855] (Part 1 repealed and added by Stats. 1963, Ch. 1812.) CHAPTER 9. Special Assessments [33800 - 33855] (Chapter 9 added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

**ARTICLE 3. Proceedings [33820 - 33839]** (Article 3 added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33820. Special assessment areas wholly within redevelopment project areas may be established and special assessments levied within such special assessment areas pursuant to this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33821. When, in the opinion of the governing board of an agency, it is determined that there will be insufficient tax revenues allocated to the agency to pay its incurred indebtedness, the agency shall file with the legislative body a report.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

## **33822.** The report shall contain all of the following:

- (a) The total amount of outstanding indebtedness incurred by the agency with respect to the project area containing the special assessment area, a listing of the different kinds of indebtedness incurred together with the amount of debt incurred for each separate kind of indebtedness, and the annual payment required to be made for each such kind of indebtedness for each year during which the debt is outstanding.
- (b) An estimate of the amount of taxes which will be received by the agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33670 which will be available to make payments on the different kinds of indebtedness when due.
- (c) A description and estimated amounts of other revenues, funds and other moneys, other than tax revenues described in subdivision (b), which are or will be available to the agency for making the payments.
- (d) An estimate of the total and annual amounts of the payments which the agency will be unable to make because of the insufficiency of funds available for that purpose.
- (e) A schedule of payments and either (1) copies of contracts, agreements, or other documents creating the indebtedness, or (2) a list (including a summary of parties and purpose) of contracts, agreements, and other documents creating the indebtedness.
- (f) A description of the redevelopment activities which have been or will be undertaken by the agency with the proceeds derived from the indebtedness.
- (g) A diagram showing the following:
  - (1) The boundaries of a special area of the redevelopment project area which, in the opinion of the agency, has been specially benefited.
  - (2) The dimensions or description of the parcels of property within the special area as they existed at the time of making the report. Each such subdivision shall be given a separate number upon the diagram.
  - (3) The proposed assessment on each of the parcels of property within the special assessment area levied in proportion to benefits.
- (h) A statement as to whether the proposed assessment district includes property containing residential dwelling units, an estimate of the number of such dwelling units occupied by persons and families of low or moderate income, and an estimate of the total amount of assessments to be levied on such dwelling units occupied by persons and families of low or moderate income.

- (i) A request that the legislative body proceed with the formation of a special assessment area and levy a special assessment on properties in the special assessment area.
- (j) For each fiscal year in which the special assessment is proposed to be levied, the amount of taxes which was projected to be available for allocation to the agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33670, based on the actual tax rates in effect for the 1977–78 fiscal year and on the projected assessed values under the applicable laws in effect for the 1977–78 fiscal year, with respect to its indebtedness incurred prior to July 1, 1978. The statement shall contain information upon which the assessed values were projected. If any bonds have been issued and the official statement or bond resolution for such bonds contained an estimate of projected tax revenues which were to be received by the agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33670, the information shall refer to the official statement or bond resolution.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

<u>33822.5.</u> Copies of contracts, agreements, and other documents specified in subdivision (e) of Section 33822 shall be made available to the public at the time the report is filed with the legislative body.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

<u>33822.7.</u> The agency shall notify the Department of Housing and Community Development within five days following the filing of a report with the legislative body pursuant to Section 33821.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33823. After the receipt of the report, the legislative body may adopt a resolution of intention to form a special assessment area and to levy special assessments on properties located therein to provide supplemental revenues for the purpose of making payments on the indebtedness when due.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33824. The resolution of intention shall:

- (a) Describe the exterior boundaries of the special assessment area.
- (b) Include the estimated annual amounts needed to be levied on the properties within such area for the purpose of making such payments and the period during which such special assessments will be required, which in no case shall be longer than the time by which the debt is to be repaid.
- (c) Include the proposed assessments.

The resolution shall incorporate by reference the report required by Section 33822.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33825. The resolution shall contain a notice of the time and place at which any person may appear before the legislative body and object to the formation of the special assessment area and the levy of special assessments therein. The hearing shall be held not less than 30 days after the passage of the resolution.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33826. The notice shall contain all of the following:

- (a) A statement of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing on the resolution of intention and report of the agency.
- (b) A statement of the total estimated payments of principal and interest and other payments required.
- (c) The amounts as shown on the report of the agency, to be assessed against each parcel of property annually.
- (d) A statement that any owner of property within the proposed assessment area may file a written protest as provided in Section 33831.
- (e) A statement that the city or county will pay the assessment levied on that portion of real property containing residential dwelling units occupied by persons and families of low or moderate income. The statement shall set forth a schedule of the applicable maximum annual incomes by family size which may be received by persons and families of low or moderate income and notice as to where applications and information regarding the payments may be obtained.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

**33827.** The clerk of the legislative body shall give notice of the time and place in the resolution of intention as provided in Section 33825.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33828. The notice shall be published pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code, the first publication of which shall be at least 20 days prior to the date set for hearing. Copies of the notice shall (1) be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the owners of property in the proposed special assessment area at the addresses of such owners as shown on the last equalized assessment roll used for tax purposes or as otherwise known to the clerk, (2) be mailed postage prepaid to the occupants of property in the proposed special assessment area, and (3) be posted conspicuously on all streets within the proposed special assessment area, not more than 300 feet apart on each street so posted, but not less than three in all. If property assessed pursuant to Section 19 of Article XIII of the Constitution is within such special assessment area, such notice shall be mailed to the owner of such property as shown on the roll last transmitted by the State Board of Equalization to the county auditor.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

<u>33829.</u> No proceeding shall be held invalid for the failure to mail notice to any property owner or occupant or to post the notice if there has been substantial compliance with the requirements of this article.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

<u>33830.</u> If no newspaper is published and circulated in the city, the notice shall be published in a newspaper published in any county in which the city is located.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33831. Any owner of property within the proposed special assessment area may protest the formation of the special assessment area, the extent thereof, or the proposed assessment by filing a written protest with the clerk of the legislative body at or before the time set for the hearing. Such protest shall contain a description of the property sufficient to identify the same and, if the signer is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner of such property, shall contain or be accompanied by written evidence that such signer is the owner of such property. The clerk shall endorse on each protest the date of its receipt and at the time appointed for the hearing shall present to the legislative body all protests filed. No other protests shall be considered by the legislative body.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

<u>33832.</u> At the time and place set for hearing on the formation of the special assessment area and levy of special assessments, the legislative body shall consider the report of the agency and hear and pass upon all written protests. Such hearing may be continued from time to time by the legislative body.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33833. If protests are filed against the special assessment area, and the legislative body finds that such protests are signed by the owners of more than one-half of the area of the property included within the proposed special assessment area, all further proceedings under the resolution of intention are barred, and no new resolution of intention for the same shall be passed within six months after the decision of the legislative body on the hearing, unless the protests are overruled by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the members of the legislative body.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33834. If it is necessary, in order to find whether a majority protest exists, to determine whether any or all of the signers of written protests are the "owners" of property to be assessed, the legislative body shall make such determination from the last equalized assessment roll or the roll specified in Section 33828, any written evidence submitted with a written protest and any other evidence received at the hearing. The legislative body shall be under no duty to obtain or consider any other evidence as to ownership of property and its determination of ownership shall be final and conclusive.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33835. Prior to final action on the report, the legislative body shall find and determine, based on evidence submitted at the public hearing, (a) whether the properties proposed to be assessed are specially benefited by the redevelopment activities described in Section 33814, and are capable of bearing the burden of the proposed assessment, (b) whether the assessments have been apportioned in proportion to such benefits, (c) whether property within the assessment area contains residential dwelling units, and (d) for each fiscal year in which the special assessment is proposed to be levied, the amount of taxes which was projected to be available for allocation to the agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33670, based on the actual tax rates in effect for the 1977–78 fiscal year and on the projected assessed values under the applicable laws in effect for the 1977–78 fiscal year, with respect to its indebtedness incurred prior to July 1, 1978.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33835.3. In no event shall a special assessment be levied pursuant to this chapter if the amount specified in the adopted report pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33822 is equal to or greater than the amount determined by the legislative body pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 33835. If the amount established pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33822 in the adopted report is less than the amount determined pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 33835, then the maximum amount which can be levied by special assessment pursuant to this chapter is the dollar difference between the amounts described in those two subdivisions plus any indebtedness described in Section 33802.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33835.5. Prior to taking final action on the report pursuant to either Section 33821 or 33837, the legislative body shall find and determine that the total amount of revenues received by levying a special assessment pursuant to this chapter, plus the taxes which the legislative body has determined will be received pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33822 of the adopted report, does not exceed the amount determined pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 33835 plus any indebtedness described in Section 33802.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33836. If written protests by more than one-half of the area of the property in the special assessment area are either not received or are received and are overruled the legislative body may, by resolution, confirm, modify, or correct the report and order the formation of the special assessment area, and levy the assessments shown on the report as confirmed, modified or corrected. The resolution shall be final as to all persons and the assessments thereby levied upon the respective subdivisions of land in the special assessment area until changed pursuant to Section 33838. However, for the purposes of Section 33838, the assessment levied pursuant to this section shall be the assessment for the first fiscal year.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

33837. Prior to May 15th of each year, after the first fiscal year, during which the assessment district is to continue, the agency shall file with the legislative body a report which shall contain (1) an estimate of the total amount of funds including taxes received by the agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33670 which will be available to pay the indebtedness for the next fiscal year, (2) an estimate of the amount of payments specified in the report pursuant to Section 33822 which the agency will be unable to pay because of insufficient funds, and (3) a diagram and a proposed assessment to be levied upon each parcel of property in the area for the next fiscal year.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

- <u>33838.</u> After receiving a report pursuant to Section 33837, the legislative body shall review and adopt the report, either as presented or as modified, and shall take one of the following actions:
- (a) Find that the existing levy will raise substantially the same amount as is needed to make the payments, in which case no change to the existing levy is needed.
- (b) Find that the existing levy will raise more than is needed to make the payments, in which case the legislative body shall reduce the levy for that fiscal year to an amount sufficient to make the payments.
- (c) Find that the existing levy will not raise sufficient funds to make the payments, in which case the legislative body may, after a notice and hearing pursuant to Sections 33825 to 33835, inclusive, levy an increased assessment for that fiscal year in an amount sufficient to make the payments.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)

<u>33839.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all tax increments allocated to the agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 33670 with respect to a redevelopment project for which a special assessment district has been created pursuant to this chapter, shall first be used to pay indebtedness, as defined in this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 29.)