

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 06/20/2011

Reviewed by: JL

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2011-35 – A resolution of the Albany City Council adopting the yearly tax rate for the pension override tax to fund City police and fire pension obligations

**FROM:** Gina Javier, Accountant  
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Resolution No. 2011-35, a resolution of the Albany City Council adopting the yearly tax rate for the pension plans of the City of Albany submitted and approved by the Albany City Council in accordance with Assembly Bill 377 and Assembly Bill 13, the tax rate adopted is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Albany imposed an ad valorem property tax in fiscal year 1982/83 to pay the City's pension liability for police and fire retirees. The initial tax rate was set at 0.0993% of full value. This was the estimated rate required to fund the unfunded liability of the Police and Fire Relief or Pension Fund, which was closed to new participants. Negative investment returns and the decrease in interest rates resulted in the re-establishment of an unfunded liability in the plan. An actuarial valuation of the plan is scheduled for 2012. A contribution of \$300,000 was made to the Fund in fiscal year 2009-10, and a contribution of \$300,000 has been recommended by the Finance Director for the 2010-11 fiscal year. Funds generated by this tax are also used to partially fund required contributions to current CalPERS police and fire retirement plans.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The rate of 0.0993% will generate tax proceeds of approximately \$1.78 million. Collection of these tax proceeds will ensure that the City has sufficient assets to pay any contributions that may be required to amortize the unfunded liability of the Police and Fire Relief or Pension Fund, and to ensure that the City has sufficient assets to pay the applicable portion of the current contributions to the CalPERS police and fire pension plans.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution # 2011-35.