

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20187

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SPECIFY THE ASSESSMENT METHOD OPTION FOR SPECIAL URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND LEVYING AND ASSESSING ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, a special city-wide Urban Forest Management District was created in order to plant, protect, maintain, preserve, and care for public trees on public rights-of-way and in city-owned public parks so as to enhance Helena's beauty and environment for the greater benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the lots or parcels of land in the District must be assessed to defray the cost of planting, protecting, maintaining, preserving, and caring for public trees on public rights-of-way and in city-owned public parks based on equal basis for each lot or parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND METHOD OF FINANCING: The estimated annual cost of the program and improvements and therefore the assessment needed for fiscal year 2016 is \$240,000. Since the Commission finds that the benefits derived from the urban forest management program are substantially equivalent, the cost of the program is to be assessed equally to each lot or parcel located within the special district at a rate of \$20.00 per lot or parcel.

Section 2. LIST OF PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT: A list of those properties subject to the potential assessment is provided through the City's

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Department of Administrative Services, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana, and is available upon request for inspection and copying during normal business hours.

Section 3. NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION OF INTENTION: The Clerk of the Commission is authorized and directed to cause notice of the passage of this resolution of intention as provided in §7-11-1025, MCA.

Section 4. PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held by the Commission at 6:00 P.M. on the 24th day of August, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers, 316 North Park Avenue, in Helena, Montana, for the purposes of meeting and hearing all objections.

**PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF July, 2015.**

/S/ James E. Smith
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ Debbie Havens
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION