

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20545

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SPECIFY THE ASSESSMENT OPTION FOR THE SPECIAL URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021 AND LEVY AND ASSESS ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, § 7-11-1003, MCA, authorizes the City Commission to create special districts by resolution whenever the public convenience and necessity may require;

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2010, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 19802 creating the Urban Forest Management District ("District");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 19802 the purpose of the District is to manage and maintain 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;

WHEREAS, District management activities include removing, pruning, planting, replacement, preservation, education, coordination, and community outreach and education;

WHEREAS, § 7-11-1025, MCA, requires the City Commission to pass and finally adopt a resolution specifying the special district assessment option and levying and assessing all the property within the special district;

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WHEREAS, § 7-11-1024, MCA, authorized the City Commission to assess the properties within the District using any combination of the assessment options provided by statute;

WHEREAS, the City Commission has estimated, as near as practicable, the cost of maintaining, monitoring, and improving the District for fiscal years 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that all properties within the District derive substantially equivalent benefit from the District.

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

Section 1. It is the intention of the City Commission to specify the assessment option for the District for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 and levy and assess all property within the District. The assessment to fund the estimated annual cost of the District for fiscal year 2020 is \$425,953. The assessment to fund the estimated annual cost of the District for fiscal year 2021 is \$425,953. The assessment option for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 is as follows:

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	CURRENT FY2019	PROPOSED FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021
All property			
Annual assessment	\$21.00	\$39.00	\$39.00

Section 2. A list of those properties subject to this proposed assessment, which includes the name of the owner, if known, is available at the Finance Department for the City of Helena, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana, and is available upon request for inspection and copying during normal business hours.

Section 3. The Helena City Commission will hold a public hearing on this matter on August 26, 2019, in the Commission Chambers at 316 North Park Avenue in Helena, Montana, at 6:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties may appear and express their views of approval or disapproval on the proposed assessment option and amounts of assessments proposed to be levied.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish the notice of the above-referenced public hearing on the proposed assessment option and the amounts of assessments proposed to be levied in accordance with state law and city

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ordinances, and to make a copy of the notice and this resolution available for public inspection in the clerk's office.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, THIS 15TH DAY OF July, 2019.

/S/ WILMOT COLLINS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION