

RESOLUTION NO. 23 _____

**A RESOLUTION LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX UPON
PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA,
TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ABATEMENT.**

WHEREAS, Billings, Montana City Code, Section 18-301, et seq. sets forth the procedures to be followed (a) to designate property within the City of Billings as a nuisance, and (b) to abate such a nuisance when ordered to do so by the Municipal Court.

WHEREAS, Section 18-305 provides that the property owner will be sent an abatement expense report for the subject property and will be given notice that any assessment that is not paid shall become a lien upon the property and is enforceable in the same manner as the nonpayment of property taxes. The owners of the property described on Exhibit A have been sent an assessment notice for abatement expenses incurred pursuant to Section 18-301, et seq., but the property owner has not reimbursed the City for its expenses set forth in the report or any part thereof. Further, City policy dictates that the City Clerk shall prepare and present a Resolution containing a list of the properties to be assessed, the recorded owners, and the amount of the cost for abatement, not to exceed the statutory amount for a Municipal Court judgement as in MCA 3-11-103, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. LEVYING OF SPECIAL TAX. That for the purpose of collecting funds to defray the cost of abatement, there is hereby levied and assessed a special tax upon the owners and the lots or parcels described on the list attached hereto.

2. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION. Said tax shall be placed upon the assessment rolls and collected in the same manner as other taxes.

3. DISPOSITION OF COLLECTIONS. Pursuant to Section 18-305(6)k. BMCC, monies collected from taxes shall be paid into a special abatement fund established to account for costs, collections, and transactions necessary to the efficient operation of the Nuisance Abatement program. Assessment funds collected will be returned to the designated abatement account for future use on other involuntary property abatements or for transfer back to the city general fund.

4. NOTICE OF HEARING. On Monday, February 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter could be considered on the agenda in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, Billings, Montana, the City Council heard objections to the adoption of this resolution. The City Clerk published notice twice, at least five (5) days prior to the hearing, in the Yellowstone County News, as provided in Section 7-1-4127, MCA.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council on the 27th day of **February, 2023.**

CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____
William A. Cole, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Denise R. Bohlman, CITY CLERK

Exhibit A

Owner Name	Address	Tax Code	Assessed Amount
Mill, James B	3294 Windmill Circle	C09303	\$258.56
Morris, Robert	824 Dorothy Lane	C00309	\$1,156.80