

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review procedure; and

WHEREAS, 7-3-173(2) M.C.A. requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

WHEREAS, 7-3-184 M.C.A. provides for the support of the study commission, for each fiscal year that the study commission is in existence, and the city shall appropriate \$200,000.00 (the equivalent of approximately 0.74 mills) to fund the study, and the local government may levy mills in excess of all other mill levies authorized by law to fund the appropriation for the support of the study commission. Upon termination of the study commission, unexpended money reverts to the general fund of the City of Billings.

WHEREAS, the Billings City Council is the governing body of the City of Billings and therefore must call for the election required by Section 9, Article XI of the Montana Constitution and 7-3-173 M.C.A. on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission.

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

1. The City Council of Billings hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of seven members shall be elected at the general election of November 5, 2024.
3. Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

[] FOR the review of the government of the City of Billings and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$200,000, of a local government study commission consisting of

seven members to examine the government of the City of Billings and submit recommendations on the government.

[] AGAINST the review of the government of the City of Billings and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$200,000, of a local government study commission consisting of seven members to examine the government of the City of Billings and submit recommendations on the government.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the 12 day of February, 2024.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk