

**RESOLUTION 24-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PER SECTION 18-1116,  
BILLINGS MONTANA CITY CODE (BMCC) A GRAFFITI  
REWARD FUND TO ENCOURAGE THE REPORTING OF  
GRAFFITI VANADALISM AND LEAD TO THE  
IDENTIFICATION, APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION  
OF GRAFFITI VANDALS**

WHEREAS, Section 18-1116 Billings, Montana City Code (BMCC) provides that the City shall create an anti-graffiti fund to include payment of rewards for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of a person found guilty of graffiti vandalism, and

WHEREAS the prevention of graffiti vandalism is important to the City and establishing a reward will encourage reporting; and

WHEREAS increased reporting of graffiti vandalism is a mechanism to deter such behavior; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered the matter and is establishing an anti-graffiti fund in BMCC Section 18-1116.

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

1. REWARD AMOUNT: The amount of \$500.00 for information leading to the conviction of a person found guilty of graffiti vandalism.
2. CLAIMS FOR REWARDS: Each claim shall be filed in writing to the City Clerk and shall specifically identify the date, location, and kind of property damaged or destroyed; identify by name the person who was convicted; and identify the court and the date upon which the conviction occurred.
3. REVIEW OF CLAIMS: The City Administrator shall review each claim for reward submitted and either accept, accept in part, or deny the claim. No claim for reward shall be accepted by the City Council unless the City investigates and verifies the accuracy of the claim and determines the requirements have been satisfied.
4. INELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS: No law enforcement officer, municipal officer, employee of the City, or person(s) apprehended shall be eligible for a reward.
5. NOTICE OF HEARING. On Monday, April 8, 2024, 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.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk