



Ordinance Amendments Public Hearing and First Reading

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Overview

First presented at the City Council Work Session on January 6, 2025. Council moved proposed amendments on the following ordinances to a public hearing and first reading, which is being conducted tonight:

- Parking for Camping Purposes
- Graffiti Reward (minor language revisions to previously amended ordinance and resolution)
- Civil Citations Service and Requirements
- Display of Address Numbers
- Business, Occupation and Professional Tax

Resolution amendments to the graffiti reward fund do not require a public hearing and will be brought to council at the February 10, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting, pending tonight's meeting.

Slides that follow are from the same presentation as the January 6, 2025, City Council Work Session.



BMCC 24-411

Parking for Camping Purposes

- Addition of language: **or any non-motorized vehicles**
- Removal of terminology: **authorized tourist park, replacing it with MCA definition of a campground.**
 - Allows city to address all types of vehicles in public spaces
 - Unattached campers on a city street or other public areas
 - Any other version of a non-motorized vehicle
 - Remaining language in code stays the same

Revision reviewed and approved by BPD administration and parking division.



BMCC 18-1105
Graffiti Rewards and
Reimbursements for Information

- Language revisions:
 - Change **accept** to **approve** and **accepted** to **approved**
 - Provides additional clarity
 - Change **council** to **administrator**
 - City Administrator to approve a reward as an administrative function, as originally intended.
 - Same language revisions made in Resolution 24-11193 Establishing a Graffiti Fund, item 3 Review of Claims.
- If approved, update language in graffiti reward form.
 - Copy of reward form is attached for council information.
- Remaining language in code stays the same



BMCC 18-1302

Civil Citations – Service and Requirements

- Language revision to 18-1302(b)(3):
 - By publication, in the manner described in **Rule 4(o)** of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure, **except that all proceedings for issuance of service by publication shall be had with the Billings Municipal Court and the Billings Municipal Court Clerk in place of the District Court and the Clerk of the District Court.**
- The Civil Procedure Rule referenced for service by publication is outdated and requires above amendment.
- Remaining language in this article stays the same.



BMCC 6-1300

Display of Address Numbers

- 6-1307 Compliance required; correction of violations (Address Display)
 - Removed **within twenty (20) days after the date of such notice.**
 - Updated language would be consistent with current enforcement process, i.e. letter notification, etc.
- 6-1308 Penalty.
 - Amended language to change enforcement of this article from a misdemeanor to a municipal infraction.

Amendments reviewed and approved by Building Official.



BMCC 13-400 Division 3
Business, Occupation and Profession Tax

- 13-436 Additional penalties:
 - Amended language to change enforcement from a misdemeanor to a municipal infraction.
 - Added language:
 - Each day that a violation occurs is a separate offense.
- Remaining language in code stays the same

Amendments reviewed and approved by Finance Director.