

Resolution No. 25-_____

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR BILLINGS
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.0001, APPOINTING
TRUSTEES AND SPECIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
BOARD.**

WHEREAS, the Billings City Council created the Business Improvement District No. 0001 by resolution on August 11, 2025, and

WHEREAS, according to Montana Code Annotated section 7-12-1121 MCA, a board of trustees must be created to govern the district, five (5) to seven (7) trustees must be appointed, trustees must be assigned to staggered terms of office, and a presiding officer must be appointed.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Billings Partnership submitted the names of seven (7) proposed Trustees for appointment to the Board of Trustees, all of whom are property owners, or their assignees, within the District, and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Billings City Council, as follows:

Section 1. Business Improvement District No. 0001 Board of Trustees: The Business Improvement District No. 0001 Board of Trustees is hereby created. There shall be seven (7) Trustees, consisting of owners of property within the district, or their assignees.

Section 2. Board Appointments: The Board of Trustees for Business Improvement District No. 0001 shall be as follows and their terms shall be as shown.

<u>Trustee Property Owner</u>	<u>Name of Trustee representative</u>	<u>Initial Term</u>
Best Western Plus ClockTower Inn	Blake Wahrlich	1 year
Monte Bar and Casino/LaFever Properties	Cori LaFever-Thelen	2 years
Swank Enterprises	Randy Stone	2 years
Big Sky Economic Development	Marcell Bruski	3 years
Yellowstone Art Museum	Jessica Ogdin	3 years
Northern Hotel	George Moragos	4 years
Wise Wonders/704 Properties, LLC	Shawna Bonini	4 years

All terms begin August 22, 2025. After trustees complete their initial terms of office, the Mayor, with City Council consent, may reappoint members or may appoint new board members. All trustees appointed subsequent to the initial appointees shall serve four (4) year terms of office. A vacancy occurring during a term will be filled for the unexpired term. The unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies. The initial board chair shall be Blake Wahrlich, who shall serve a one (1) year term in that office. Subsequent chairpersons shall serve one (1) year terms and shall be selected by the Board.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of Trustees: The appointed trustees shall have the powers and duties set out in Sections 7-12-1121 through 7-12-1133, M.C.A. and any other applicable laws, ordinances or regulations. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the City Council for approval, a work plan and budget for the ensuing fiscal year, no later than the first (1st) day of May preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the work plan and budget apply. The City Council may modify the work plan and budget as it considers necessary and appropriate.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, this 11th day of August, 2025.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

By: _____
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk