

RESOLUTION NO. R14-11

RESOLUTION OF THE LAUREL CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER THE PLACEMENT OF A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ON THE JUNE 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT FOR REFERENDUM VOTE.

WHEREAS, §7-11-1003(1)(a)(ii), MCA authorizes the City Council to order a referendum on the creation of a proposed park maintenance district pursuant to the requirements of Montana law at §7-11-1011; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Laurel intends to place the creation of a perpetual park maintenance district for referendum vote on the June 2014 primary election ballot to determine if the inhabitants of the district approve or disapprove the district's creation as described herein and for the purposes described herein. The City Council requests the Yellowstone County Election Administrator to administer the referendum on their behalf. The election shall be completed by June 3, 2014;

WHEREAS, pursuant to §7-11-1011, MCA the park maintenance district shall be called the "City of Laurel Park Maintenance District"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §7-11-1011, MCA, the City Council proposes to create the "City of Laurel Park Maintenance District" for the purpose of providing services including but not limited to: (1) maintenance, repair, replacement, upkeep, installation, improvement, operational enhancement, construction, reconstruction, acquisition of land; and/or (2) implementation of measures required to maintain public health and safety or meet legal or regulatory requirements; and/or (3) purchasing, replacing, and/or maintaining equipment, tools or vehicles used to carry out the functions described herein; and/or (4) any other functions, labor supplies and/or materials necessary for management and maintenance of City owned facilities, lands, and equipment under the responsibility and care of the City Council and the City's Park Board including but not limited to public parks and park areas, recreation facilities, trails, open space, urban forest, boulevards, pathways, sidewalks, public easements, and other facilities which are located in the City limits and/or owned by the City, collectively called "Services and Improvements"; and

WHEREAS, §7-11-1011(2), MCA, requires the referendum ordered by the City Council to include the following:

1. Type and maximum rate of initial proposed assessments: The City Council proposes to assess all properties within the district based upon their taxable values. The maximum amount of the assessment will be \$250,000.00.
2. Necessity and Activities: The Services and Improvements described above are necessary to maintain and improve the City owned property defined above for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Laurel, and the district shall be financed by the revenue from the park maintenance district.

3. Area of district: The proposed district encompasses all properties located within the existing city limits and future annexed properties.
4. District administration: The City Council shall administer the proposed district through the creation and management of a special revenue fund. The tax for the proposed district would begin in November 2014.
5. Election: The referendum shall be held in conjunction with the 2014 June Primary Election.
6. The referendum shall read: "Shall the proposition to organize the City of Laurel Park Maintenance District be adopted?"
7. Duration of district: The duration of the proposed district is perpetual.
8. Estimated Costs, Method of Financing, and Revenue:
 - A. The proposal is to create a perpetual mill levy to provide Services and Improvements for City owned parks as defined herein.
 - B. Pursuant to §7-11-1024(3)(a)(iii), this district will be financed by assessing each lot or parcel of land, including the improvements on the lot or parcel, for that part of the cost of the special district that its taxable valuation bears to the total taxable valuation of the property of the district.
 - C. The revenue generated by the district is approximately \$250,000.00 per year at 41.59 mills.
9. District Impact: Fair Market Value \$100,000 Home = \$55.33 per year.
Fair Market Value \$200,000 Home = \$110.67 per year.

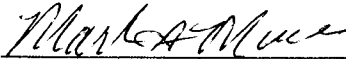
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council orders a referendum vote be held regarding the proposed creation of a perpetual park maintenance district on the June 2014 Primary Election Ballot to determine if the inhabitants of the proposed district approve or disapprove the district's creation as described herein and for the purposes described herein. The City Council requests the Yellowstone County Election Administrator to administer the referendum on their behalf. The Proposed Referendum is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and the election shall be completed by June 3, 2014.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 4, 2014, by Council Member Poehls.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 4th day of March, 2014.

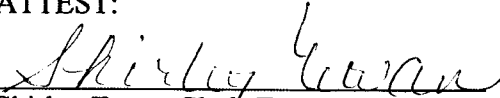
APPROVED by the Mayor this 4th day of March, 2014.

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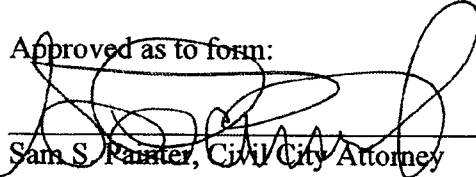
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:



Sam S. Painter, Civil City Attorney

EXHIBIT 1

Ballot on Referendum to Create the City of Laurel Park Maintenance District

Laurel, Montana

June 3, 2014

The Laurel City Council passed a resolution to hold a referendum on the creation of the City of Laurel Park Maintenance District, City of Laurel, Montana. The District would provide services and improvements necessary to maintain and improve the City owned park properties located within the City Limits. The boundary of the District is defined as all property within the City Limits of Laurel, Montana, and future annexed property. The Laurel City Council would administer the District. The District would have perpetual existence. The District would have the authority to levy up to 41.59 mills to provide services and maintain improvements to City owned park property. The initial mill levy for the District would be 41.59 mills. The 41.59 mills would raise approximately \$250,000.00. The property taxes on a \$100,000.00 home would increase by approximately \$55.33. The property taxes on a \$200,000.00 home would increase by approximately \$110.67.

Shall the proposition to organize the City of Laurel Park Maintenance District be adopted?

- Yes
- No