



**Item:** Resolution 10104 to Levy and Assess Properties within Special Improvement Lighting Districts

**From:** Judy Burg, Taxes and Assessments

**Initiated By:** Annual Assessment Process

**Presented By:** Melissa Kinzler, Fiscal Services Director

**Action Requested:** City Commission conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution 10104

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**Public Hearing:**

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for proponents and opponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (adopt/deny) Resolution 10104.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls for the vote.
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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 10104 to levy and assess properties within the Special Improvement Lighting Districts.

**Background:** There are currently 26 Special Improvement Lighting Districts (SLD’s) with approximately 9,420 roadway lights. The majority (97%) of the roadway lights are owned by Northwestern Energy. The City pays a maintenance fee to Northwestern Energy for these lights in addition to a fee which covers the electrical transmission and distribution. The electrical supply for the street lights is currently being furnished by PPL Treasure State. The remaining 3% of roadway lighting is City-owned. The Special Improvement Lighting District funds are administered by the Fiscal Services Department. The purpose of the fund is to maintain the light poles and furnish electrical current for the lighting districts throughout the year. After determining financial factors pertinent to the operation of the special improvement lighting districts, an assessment amount for the next fiscal year is calculated, budgeted and presented to the City Commissioners for approval.

As part of the annual budget development and adoption procedures, the Special Improvement Lighting Districts Assessment Resolution must be submitted for City Commission action. A public notice and hearing is required prior to final passage of the assessment resolution.

**Concurrences:** Fiscal Services staff is responsible for the operational expenses, along with assessing and collecting the revenues; Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of all City-owned lighting districts.

**Fiscal Impact:** Adoption of Resolution 10104 will allow the City to fund the operational and maintenance costs required in the Special Improvement Lighting Districts for the fiscal year.

**ASSESSMENT ANTICIPATED**

The anticipated assessment amount for the Special Improvement Lighting District funds for the next fiscal year is \$1,428,082. After review of the budget and the estimated assessment for Fiscal Year 15/16, several of the assessment amounts reflect the same assessment as last year, some Special Lighting Districts were increased to compensate for the deficit in its cash balance from the prior fiscal year and thirteen (13) lighting district assessments were reduced as their cash balances from the prior fiscal year were more than adequate to cover the operational costs for those districts.

<u>BUDGETED</u> <u>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
\$1,766,640	11/12 (26 Districts)
\$1,955,853	12/13 (26 Districts)
\$1,976,427	13/14 (26 Districts)
\$1,547,428	14/15 (26 Districts)
\$1,428,082	15/16 (26 Districts)

The 15/16 assessment per district is indicated on the SLD Cost Assessment Projection Sheet attached as Exhibit “A” and made a part of Resolution 10104.

**Alternatives:** The City Commission could choose to deny the adoption of Resolution 10104; however, the reduction in services to the community could be hazardous to the safety and welfare of the general public.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Resolution 10104  
 Exhibit “A” Special Improvement Lighting District Cost Assessment Projection Sheet  
 Special Improvement Lighting District’s Boundary Map

**RESOLUTION NO. 10104**

**A RESOLUTION LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE COST OF MAINTAINING SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS (SLD'S) NUMBERED 18, 650, 651, 912, 973, 1067A, 1105, 1230, 1255, 1261, 1269, 1270, 1289, 1290, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1308 AND 1310 IN THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission declares that the above-captioned Special Improvement Lighting Districts were created, lighting systems installed and that the City intends to continue maintenance of such lighting systems in said SLD's; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission declares that each lot or parcel of land contained in each of said SLD's will continue to be benefited by such lighting in the same manner as determined in the creation of each Special Improvement Lighting District; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2015, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10114, Annual Budget Resolution. The budgeted amounts for maintenance of the City's lighting systems were reviewed and adjusted. The assessment amount for Special Improvement Lighting District No. 18, 1261 and 1270 were increased to compensate for the deficit in their cash balances from the prior fiscal year. The assessment amounts for thirteen (13) Special Improvement Lighting Districts were reduced due to cash balances being more than adequate to cover the operational costs associated with those districts. The newly adjusted assessment amount totals ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$1,428,082); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 7-1-4127, MCA, notice was published setting forth that Resolution No. 10104 Levying and Assessing the Cost of Maintaining Special Improvement Lighting Districts (SLD's) Nos. 18, 650, 651, 912, 973, 1067A, 1105, 1230, 1255, 1261, 1269, 1270, 1289, 1290, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1308 and 1310 in the City of Great Falls, Montana, would be brought before the Great Falls City Commission for public hearing on August 4, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**, that:

Section 1 – Maintenance Costs Assessed

The cost of maintenance for said lighting systems in the above-captioned SLD's totaling \$1,428,082 be levied and assessed upon the properties in said SLD's.

Section 2 – Assessment Method

Each lot and parcel within each SLD is hereby assessed a proportion of the maintenance costs

attributed to the SLD in the proportion to which its assessable area (individual square feet) bears to the area of the whole special improvement lighting district (total square feet), exclusive of streets, avenues, alleys and public places. An assessment projection summary of each district, describing total cost, is attached hereto and, by this reference, incorporated herein as if fully set forth. The description of each lot or parcel of land within each SLD and the respective assessments are set forth in the records of the Fiscal Services Department of the City of Great Falls, Montana and by this reference is also incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Section 3 – Assessment Due Date

Assessments are payable in two payments and will become delinquent at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on November 30, 2015 and May 31, 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

**SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS MAINTENANCE BUDGET & ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET  
RESOLUTION #10104 - EXHIBIT "A"**

FY 2016

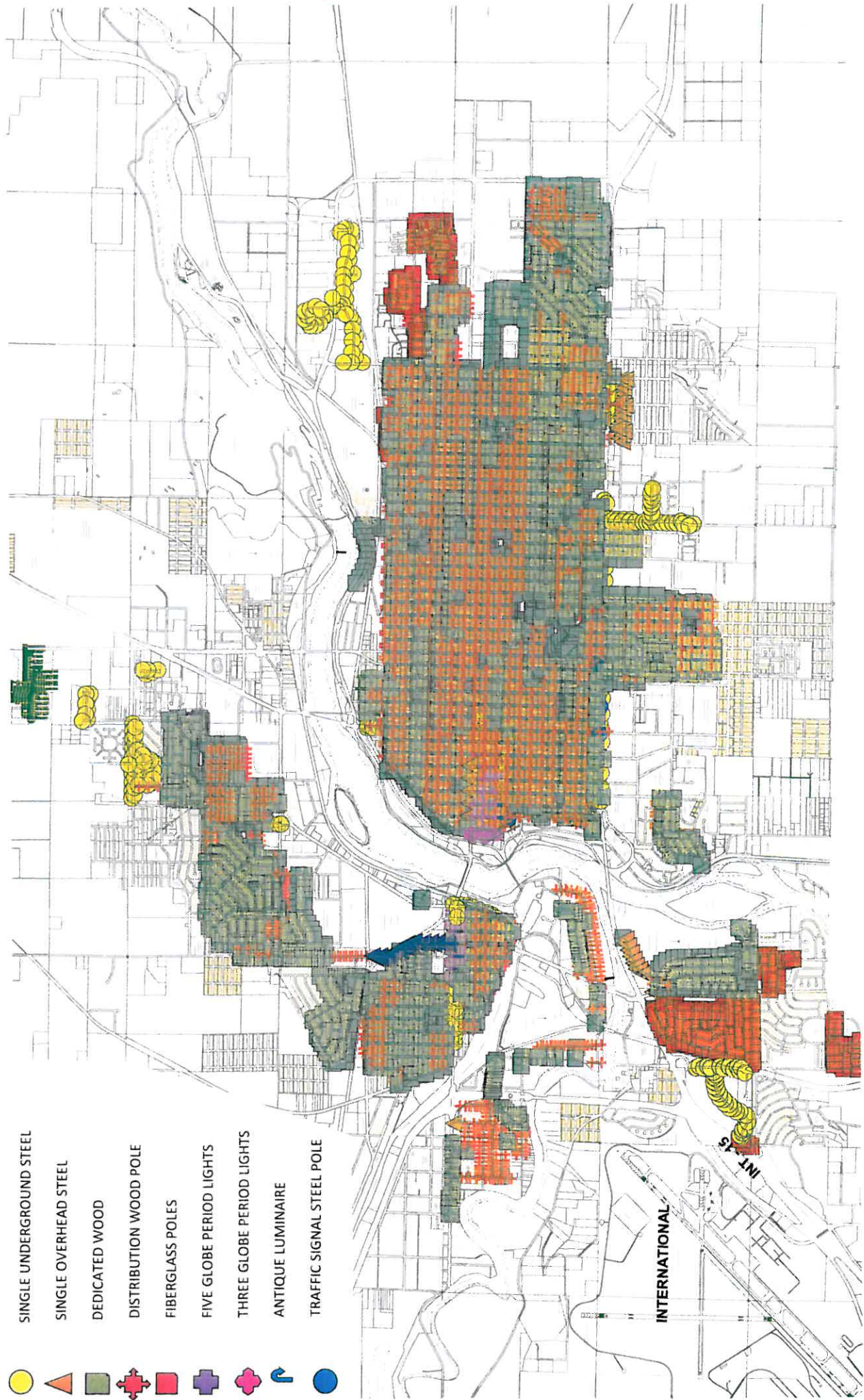
DISTRICT	DISTRICT TYPE	FUND	REQUESTED EXPENSES								FOR ENDING CASH	2016 ASSESSMENT	2015 ASSESSMENT	
			XXXX.00.104 43420	XXXX.00.104 45120	XXXX.00.104 48692	XXXX.00.104 48652	XXXX.31.536 42390	XXXX.31.536 43690	XXXX.31.536 48636	REQUESTED TOTAL				
			2016 PROJECTED BEGINNING CASH	0% REQUESTED UTILITY EXPENSE	OTHER MISC EXPENSES	MAPPING SERVICE	FISCAL SERVICE CHARGE	PUBLIC WORKS SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	PUBLIC WORKS OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR	PUBLIC WORKS INTERNAL MAINTENANCE				REQUESTED TOTAL EXPENSES
18	STREET	8402	46	2,778	-		272	-	-	-	3,050	1,525	3,329	3,026
650	PERIOD	8403	37,303	5,964	-		652	1,435	1,435	1,435	10,921	5,460	13,719	13,719
651	STREET	8404	1,490	2,796	-		288	-	-	-	3,084	1,542	3,253	3,253
912	STREET	8405	8,835	14,220	-		1,394	-	-	-	15,614	7,807	17,138	17,138
973	STREET	8406	24,075	136	-		13	-	-	-	149	75	200	483
1067A	ALLEY	8407	3,427	5,136	-		504	-	-	-	5,640	2,820	6,095	6,095
1105	STREET	8408	2,823	4,044	-		397	-	-	-	4,441	2,221	4,513	4,513
1230	STREET	8409	421	183	-		18	-	-	-	201	101	237	237
1255	STREET	8410	836	367	-		36	-	-	-	403	201	483	483
1261	PERIOD	8411	2,525	5,208	207		509	1,253	1,253	1,253	9,684	4,842	9,684	5,950
1269	PERIOD	8412	29,949	16,888	691		1,690	4,064	4,064	4,064	31,462	15,731	31,462	65,168
1270	PERIOD	8413	11,587	7,353	253		679	1,770	1,770	1,770	13,593	6,797	13,593	11,917
1289	STREET	8414	10,816	14,147	-		1,387	-	-	-	15,534	7,767	15,549	18,549
1290	STREET	8415	1,264	1,061	-		104	-	-	-	1,165	583	1,491	1,491
1294	SLDA	8416	51,709	145,616	-	1,425	13,644	-	401	-	161,087	80,543	161,087	175,864
1298	SLDI	8417	75,726	20,511	-	1,222	2,014	-	-	-	23,747	11,873	24,209	24,209
1295	SLDC	8418	51,834	60,599	-	1,425	4,215	-	-	-	66,239	33,119	66,239	79,099
1296	SLDR	8419	1,481,882	901,632	-	4,785	71,565	-	25,225	-	1,003,207	501,603	1,003,207	1,042,271
1297	SLDT	8420	26,920	35,868	-	1,323	2,326	-	-	-	39,518	19,759	41,127	41,127
1302	ML3	8430	20,339	545	-		59	131	131	131	997	498	1,000	7,510
1304	EC1	8432	8,225	2,345	-		154	564	564	564	4,192	2,096	4,192	9,129
1306	ML4	8434	6,043	200	-		19	48	48	48	362	181	500	1,836
1308	ECII & III	8436	9,275	1,221	-		81	294	294	294	2,184	1,092	2,184	4,409
1310	ML5	8438	6,533	886	-		67	213	213	213	1,591	796	1,591	3,383
1303	Bootlegger	8440	11,383	480	-		43	115	115	115	869	434	1,000	3,878
1305	Water Tower	8442	10,254	466	-		46	112	112	112	849	424	1,000	2,691
ALL DIST	Fund 217	8401	8,211								-			-
			1,903,733	1,250,652	1,151	10,180	102,174	10,000	35,626	10,000	1,419,782	709,891	1,428,082	1,547,428

VARIOUS TYPES OF STREET LIGHT POLES

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS

FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

- ▲ STREET DEPARTMENT
- SINGLE UNDERGROUND STEEL
- ▲ SINGLE OVERHEAD STEEL
- DEDICATED WOOD
- DISTRIBUTION WOOD POLE
- FIBERGLASS POLES
- FIVE GLOBE PERIOD LIGHTS
- THREE GLOBE PERIOD LIGHTS
- ▲ ANTIQUE LUMINAIRE
- ▲ TRAFFIC SIGNAL STEEL POLE



A MORE DETAILED AND LARGER VERSION OF THIS MAP IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF FISCAL SERVICES