

RESOLUTION NO. 9388

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, DECLARING IT TO BE THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS TO CREATE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT “URBAN BOULEVARD” NO. 1300

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to MCA 7-12-4102 the City of Great Falls is authorized to create special improvement and maintenance districts for improvements and maintenance to right-of-ways, public parks and open space lands, and;
- B. The City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, recognizes a need for a tree planting and maintenance district in order to plant, protect, maintain, preserve and care for public trees on City owned right-of-ways, public parks and open-space land so as to enhance the City of Great Falls’ beauty and environment for the greater benefit of the community, and;
- C. Pursuant to MCA 7-12-4104 the City Commission must pass a resolution of intention before creating any special improvement or maintenance district, and;
- D. It appears to be in the best interest of the City of Great Falls and the inhabitants thereof that the City Commission create a special maintenance district to be known as Special Improvement Maintenance District “Urban Boulevard” No. 1300, and;
- E. That the newly created boundaries of said Special Improvement Maintenance District “Urban Boulevard” No. 1300 are as shown on the attached Exhibit “A” and are hereby declared to be further defined as follows:
 - “Urban Boulevard” District includes all parcels located within the incorporated boundary lines of the City of Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana, excluding parcels located within the General Boulevard District, Expanded Boulevard District and Portage Meadows Boulevard District, and;
- F. In accordance with MCA 7-12-4162 Assessment of costs. “the city council or commission shall assess the entire cost of an improvement against benefited property in the district, each lot or parcel of land assessed within such district to be assessed for that part of the whole cost which its assessable area bears to the assessable area of all benefited lots or parcels in the district. . . assessable area may be less than but may not exceed the actual area of the lot or parcel.”

Assessable area within the “Urban Boulevard District” shall be set with a square footage cap of 12,000 square feet for residential property, and a 1 million square feet cap for all other property.

The estimated annual cost of the district initially is \$299,653. This cost will be assessed to each lot or parcel within the City of Great Falls on an area basis as specified in this section. A listing of all parcels which will be included within the new "Urban Boulevard" District No. 1300 is attached as Exhibit "B" and a copy of the notice to be mailed to every person, firm, or corporation having property within the proposed district is attached as Exhibit "C", and;

G. The general purpose of the district is to plant, protect, maintain, preserve and care for public trees located on City owned right-of-ways, public parks and open space land, and;

H. That the City Commission of the City of Great Falls shall consider whether to pass a final resolution creating Special Improvement Maintenance District "Urban Boulevard" No. 1300 as set forth herein at a meeting to be held on June 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, 2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, Montana, and at the conclusion of said meeting the City Commission will consider a Resolution to create such district, and;

I. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to give notice of this meeting in accordance with MCA 7-12-4104.

PASSED by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 18th day of May, 2004.

Randall H. Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Broquist-Horst, Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

Approved for Legal Content: City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade : ss
City of Great Falls)

I, Carolyn Broquist-Horst, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 9388 was passed by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, at a meeting thereof held on the 18th day of May 2004, and approved by the Mayor of said City on the 18th day of May 2004.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City this 18th day of May 2004.

(SEAL OF CITY)

Carolyn Broquist-Horst, Deputy City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 18th day of May, 2004, the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, adopted a Resolution of Intent to Create No. 9388 entitled:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT TO BE THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA TO CREATE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT "URBAN BOULEVARD" NO. 1300

Resolution of Intent to Create No. 9388 is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Peggy J. Bourne, (406) 455-8541, Civic Center, 2 Park Drive, Great Falls, Montana, to which reference is hereby made for a description of the boundaries of said district.

That the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, will be in session on the 15th day of June, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., in the Commission Chambers in the Civic Center, at which time and place the City Commission will hear objections to the intent to create said Urban Boulevard District No. 1300. Any person or persons, who are owners of any lot or parcel of land within said Special Improvement Maintenance District "Urban Boulevard" No. 1300, who shall, within 15 days after the first publication of this notice have delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, a protest in writing against the proposed creation of said boulevard maintenance district, shall have the right to appear at said meeting in person or by counsel, and show cause, if any there be, why such boulevard maintenance district should not be created.

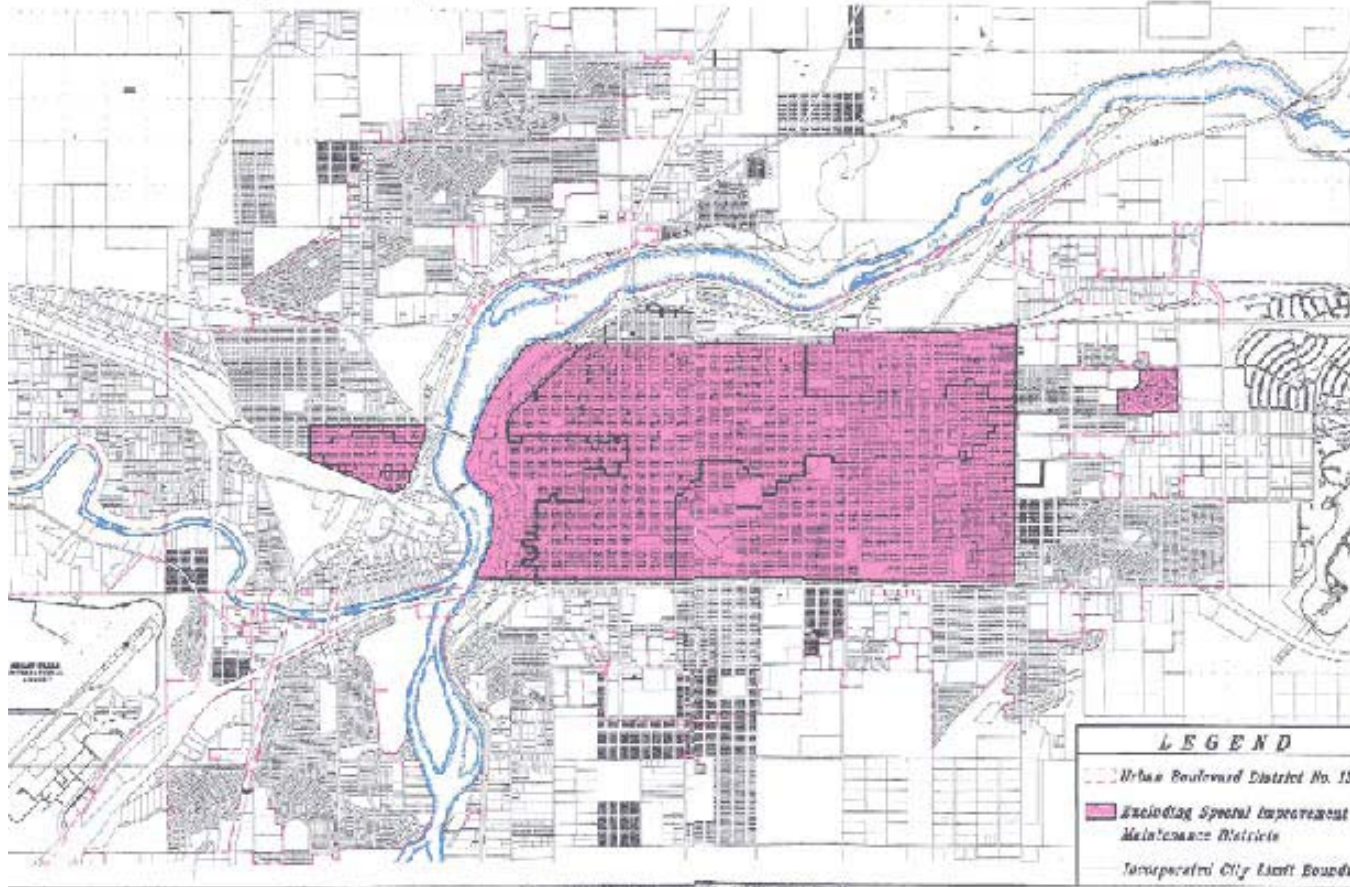
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SECTION A

Urban Boulevard District No. 1300 Special Improvement Maintenance District

May 18th, 2004



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EXHIBIT C

May 14, 2004

Property Owner
400 Beaverhead Court
Great Falls, MT 59405

Parcel No.: 1217900

Dear Property Owner:

Today there are approximately 33,000 trees lining our streets and throughout our park system which comprise our public "Community Forest" in Great Falls. A healthy, vigorous Community Forest helps to attract new businesses, tourists, makes neighborhoods safer and more sociable, adds 10% or more to property values, reduces heating and cooling costs and is a wise investment of Community dollars. All of these benefits depend on healthy trees and landscaping. Healthy trees and landscaping requires quality care and quality care depends on us.

In order to provide for a comprehensive method for planting, pruning, maintaining and caring for street trees and other right-of-way landscaping a new City-Wide Tree and Landscaping Program to assess properties is currently being considered.

The **estimated** annual cost to a property owner with an average size lot consisting of 7,500 square feet would result in an annual assessment of \$12.27 in your district. This amount would appear on your property tax assessment bill each year beginning with the 2004/2005 assessment year.

Montana State Law requires sending individual notices of intent to each affected property owner in addition to the publication of the legal notice relating to the creation and assessment of the district. The enclosed notice is scheduled to be published in the *Great Falls Tribune* on Monday, May 24, 2004 through Friday, May 28, 2004.

At any time within 15 days after the date of the first publication of the notice of passage of the resolution of intention, any owner of property liable to be assessed for said work may make written protest against the extent or creation of the district to be assessed. Such notice must be in writing and be delivered to the City Clerk who shall endorse thereon the date of its receipt.

You are invited to attend the public hearing for the City-Wide Tree and Landscaping Program on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Commission Chambers in the Civic Center.

If you have any questions regarding this new assessment, please call me at 455-8477.

Sincerely,

Judy Burg
Accounting Technician

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