

RESOLUTION NO. 9496
RESOLUTION TO FIX ANNUAL TAX LEVY

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX
LEVY IN MILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2005 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

WHEREAS:

- A. 7-1-114, MCA states "A local government with self-governing powers is subject to ... (g) Any law regulating the budget, finance, or borrowing procedures and powers of local governments.
- B. The City of Great Falls, Montana adopted a self-governing charter in 1986. Article I, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Great Falls, Montana states: "The total mill levy shall not exceed that allowed to general powers cities of the first class by Montana Law."
- C. 7-6-4036, MCA, required the City Commission to fix the tax levy for each taxing jurisdiction by the later of the second Monday in August or within 45 calendar days after receiving certified taxable values. Certified taxable values were received August 1, 2005.
- D. 7-6-4034, MCA, requires the City Commission to set a tax rate, per fund, no higher than is required to meet budget balancing needs.
- E. MCA 15-10-420 provides:
 - (1)(a) Subject to the provisions of this section a governmental entity that is authorized to impose mills may impose a mill levy sufficient to *generate the amount of property taxes actually assessed in the prior year, plus one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years.* The maximum number of mills that a governmental entity may impose is established by calculating the number of mills required to generate the amount of property tax actually assessed in the governmental unit in the prior year based on the current year taxable value, less the current year's value of newly taxable property plus one-half the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years..
 - (2) ... plus any additional levies authorized by the voters ...
 - (5) Subject to subsection (8), subsection (1)(a) does not apply to
 - (b) the portion of a governmental entity's property tax levy for premium contributions for group benefits excluded under 2-9-212 or 2-18-703.
 - (7) In determining the maximum number of mills in subsection (1)(a) the governmental entity may increase the number of mills to account for a decrease in reimbursements.
- F. MCA 15-10-201 requires the City Commission to fix its tax levy in mills and tenths and hundredths of mills.
- G. The Department of Revenue's certified taxable value for the City of Great Falls is

\$68,609,562 which equates to \$68,610 per mill. This includes \$2,828,030, or \$2,828 per mill, of newly taxable property.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS,
MONTANA:

Section 1. - Determination of Mill Levy Limit

- Appendix A shows the determination of the total mill levy limit of 125.77 mills.
- An additional 8.63 “Permissive Medical Levy” is allowed under 15-10-420(5)(b) for increased health insurance premiums not included in the Appendix A calculation.
- Lastly, an additional 3.87 mills is allowed under 15-10-420(2) for additional voter supported mills. On November 4, 2003, a \$2.5 million general obligation bond was approved by voters for construction of a soccer park. It has been determined that 3.87 mills for soccer park debt service payments is need for Fiscal Year 2006.

Section 2. - Tax Levy Amounts

A 138.27 mill levy will generate:

- a. \$ 8,273,402 from the \$65,782 certified value per mill for Previously Taxable Property;
- b. \$ 355,678 from the \$2,828 certified value per mill for Newly Taxable Property;
- c. \$ 592,104 from the \$68,610 certified value per mill for increase Health Insurance premiums “Permissive Medical Levy, and,
- d. \$ 265,521 from the \$68,610 certified value per mill for soccer park debt service payments.
- d. \$ 9,486,705 in total City tax for 2005 from the \$68,610 total certified value per mill.

This does not reflect delinquent collections or tax increments withheld.

Section 3. - Tax Levy Required and Set

- a. The City Commission has determined a \$ 8,629,080 tax levy, requiring a 125.77 mill levy, is necessary to balance the General Fund Budget.
- b. The City Commission has determined a \$ 592,105 “Permissive Medical Levy”, requiring a 8.63 mill levy, is necessary for increased health premium costs to balance the General Fund Budget.

- c. The City Commission has determined a \$265,521 tax levy, requiring a 3.87 mill levy, is necessary for the soccer park debt service payment.
- d. The City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana hereby fixes the tax levy for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 at 138.27 mills.

PASSED by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 16th day of August, 2005.

Randall H. Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Horst, Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

Approved as to form: City Attorney

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

I, Carolyn Horst, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 9496 was placed on its final passage and passed by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, at a meeting thereof held on the 16th day of August, 2005, and approved by the Mayor of said City on the 16th day of August, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City this 16th day of August, 2005.

Carolyn Horst, Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

