RESOLUTION NO. 10552 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

- **WHEREAS,** Mont. Code Ann. § 2-9-212(2)(b) requires the City to hold a public hearing and subsequently adopt a resolution of its intent to increase property tax revenue, prior to budgeting for any increase in property tax revenue from existing property; and
- **WHEREAS,** Mont. Code Ann. §15-10-420(1)(a) allows the City to increase its annual property tax levy by "one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years"; and
- WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 15-10-420(1)(c) provides for the average rate of inflation to be calculated "using the consumer price index, U.S. City average, all urban consumers, using the 1982-1984 base of 100, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor"; and
- WHEREAS, the applicable consumer price indexes had a three year average of 5.6% and an allowed tax levy increase of **2.8%** for Tax Year 2024; and
- **WHEREAS,** Mont. Code Ann. § 2-9-212(2)(a) excludes a portion of a governmental entity's property tax levy for premium contributions for group benefits from the mill levy calculation limitation provided for in Mont. Code Ann. §15-10-420; and
- **WHEREAS,** Mont. Code Ann. § 2-9-212(2)(a) allows additional mill levies for premium contributions for group benefits beyond the amount of contributions in effect; and
- WHEREAS, the applicable contributions increase allows the City to levy additional mills under Mont. Code Ann. § 2-9-212(2)(a), an allowed tax levy increase of 1.58%; and
- WHEREAS, the notice of public hearing on the City's intent to budget an increase in revenue from property taxation by **4.38%** was published in accordance with Mont. Code Ann. § 7-1-4127, as required by Mont. Code Ann. § 2-9-212(2)(b); and
- **WHEREAS**, the hearing on the City's intent to budget an increase in revenue from property taxation was held in accordance with Mont. Code Ann. § 7-1-4131.

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

Intent to budget additional property tax revenue

The City Commission intends to budget the **4.38 percent** increase in property tax revenue allowed by Mont. Code Ann. §15-10-420.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, July 16, 2024.

Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David Dennis, City Attorney