

## RESOLUTION 25-11283

### A RESOLUTION CREATING A BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR BILLINGS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.0001, APPOINTING TRUSTEES AND SPECIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the Billings City Council created the Business Improvement District No. 0001 by resolution on August 11, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, according to Montana Code Annotated section 7-12-1121 MCA, a board of trustees must be created to govern the district, five (5) to seven (7) trustees must be appointed, trustees must be assigned to staggered terms of office, and a presiding officer must be appointed.

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Billings Partnership submitted the names of seven (7) proposed Trustees for appointment to the Board of Trustees, all of whom are property owners, or their assignees, within the District, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Billings City Council, as follows:

**Section 1. Business Improvement District No. 0001 Board of Trustees:** The Business Improvement District No. 0001 Board of Trustees is hereby created. There shall be seven (7) Trustees, consisting of owners of property within the district, or their assignees.

**Section 2. Board Appointments:** The Board of Trustees for Business Improvement District No. 0001 shall be as follows and their terms shall be as shown.

<u>Trustee Property Owner</u>	<u>Name of representative</u>	<u>Initial Term</u>
Clock Tower Inn, LLC dba Best Western Plus	Blake Wahrlich	1 year
Neal LaFever Trust dba Monte Bar and Casino	Cori LaFever-Thelen	2 years
Swank Properties LLC	Randy Stone	2 years
Big Sky Economic Development Authority	Marcell Bruski	3 years
Yellowstone Art Center Foundation	Jessica Ogdin	3 years
Zootist Hotel LLC dba Northern Hotel	George Maragos	4 years
704 Properties LLC dba Wise Wonders	Shawna Bonini	4 years

All terms begin August 22, 2025. After trustees complete their initial terms of office, the Mayor, with City Council consent, may reappoint members or may appoint new board members. All trustees appointed subsequent to the initial appointees shall serve four (4) year terms of office. A vacancy occurring during a term will be filled for the unexpired term. The unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies. The initial board chair shall be Blake Wahrlich, who shall serve a one (1) year term in that office. Subsequent chairpersons shall serve one (1) year terms and shall be selected by the Board.

**Section 3. Powers and Duties of Trustees:** The appointed trustees shall have the powers and duties set out in Sections 7-12-1121 through 7-12-1133, M.C.A. and any other applicable laws, ordinances or regulations. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the City Council for approval, a work plan and budget for the ensuing fiscal year, no later than the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of May preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the work plan and budget apply. The City Council may modify the work plan and budget as it considers necessary and appropriate.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

**APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.



CITY OF BILLINGS:

By: William A. Cole  
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Denise R. Bohlman  
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk