

ORDINANCE NO. 06-5395

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE EAST BILLINGS URBAN RENEWAL AREA; AND ADOPTING AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, INCLUDING A TAX INCREMENT PROVISION.

Recitals:

WHEREAS, this Council on October 10, 2006, conducted a public hearing on a proposal to establish a new urban renewal area on specified property (as hereinafter defined, the "Property") to be designated "The East Billings Urban Renewal Area", and to adopt an urban renewal plan, as authorized by Montana Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 15, Parts 42 and 43, as amended (the "Act").

WHEREAS, the Property is depicted on the attached Exhibit A and legally described on the attached Exhibit B (each of which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof).

WHEREAS, opportunities have been presented to the City that make it desirable for the City to consider an urban renewal project within the District consisting of the acquisition of certain vacant or blighted properties, demolishing the blighted structures thereon, improving such properties with, landscaping, utilities, and other similar improvements, assembling such properties, and making the properties so improved available for private redevelopment in accordance with the Act.

WHEREAS, an urban renewal plan entitled the East Billings Urban Renewal Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit C (which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof) (the "Plan"). The Plan contains a tax increment provision and will govern the operation and administration of the District.

WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Yellowstone County Planning Board, as evidenced by the Board meeting minutes of August 22, 2006. The Plan contains a description of the Project and its estimated costs.

Ordinance:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, as follows:

1. Findings. This Council hereby finds, determines and declares, based on the comments received at the public hearing and other studies and information available to this Council, that:

a. The Property presently contains structures and property that are in a state of substantial deterioration, are obsolete or defective, pose unsanitary or unsafe conditions, are vacant and unused, and have inappropriate uses, the present condition of the Property substantially impairs the sound functioning of the East Billings area of the City and its

environs, is conducive to juvenile delinquency and crime, poses the threat of vandalism or mischief and fire or loss, constitutes an economic and social liability, and is a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. Accordingly, the Council finds that the Property is a blighted area within the meaning of Section 7-15-4210 of the Act. This Council finds that the rehabilitation, redevelopment or a combination thereof of the Property is necessary in the interest of the public, health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the City. This Council finds that undertaking measures to eradicate or diminish the blight affecting the Property will help to foster a more dynamic, livable, and vibrant downtown.

- b. No housing element or structure is disturbed by this District making no relocation necessary;
- c. The Plan conforms to the Growth Policy or parts thereof of the City for the municipality as a whole;
- d. The Plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the needs of the City as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the District by private enterprise;

2. Plan Adoption. The Plan is hereby adopted and approved in all respects, including without limitation, the segregation and application of tax increments as provided in Sections 7-15-4282 through 7-15-4293 of the Act as provided therein.

3. Conditional Commitment. The adoption of the Plan does not constitute a guarantee or a firm commitment that the City will issue the Bonds or undertake the Project. If, based on comments or information made available to or obtained by the City, it appears that the issuance of the Bonds or the Project is not in the public interest or consistent with the purposes of the Act, the City reserves the right not to issue the Bonds or undertake the Project.

4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date that is 30 calendar days after the date set forth below.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading October 10, 2006.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on second reading October 23, 2006.

CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____
Ron Tussing, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Marita Herold, CMC/AAE, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
MAP OF URBAN RENEWAL AREA

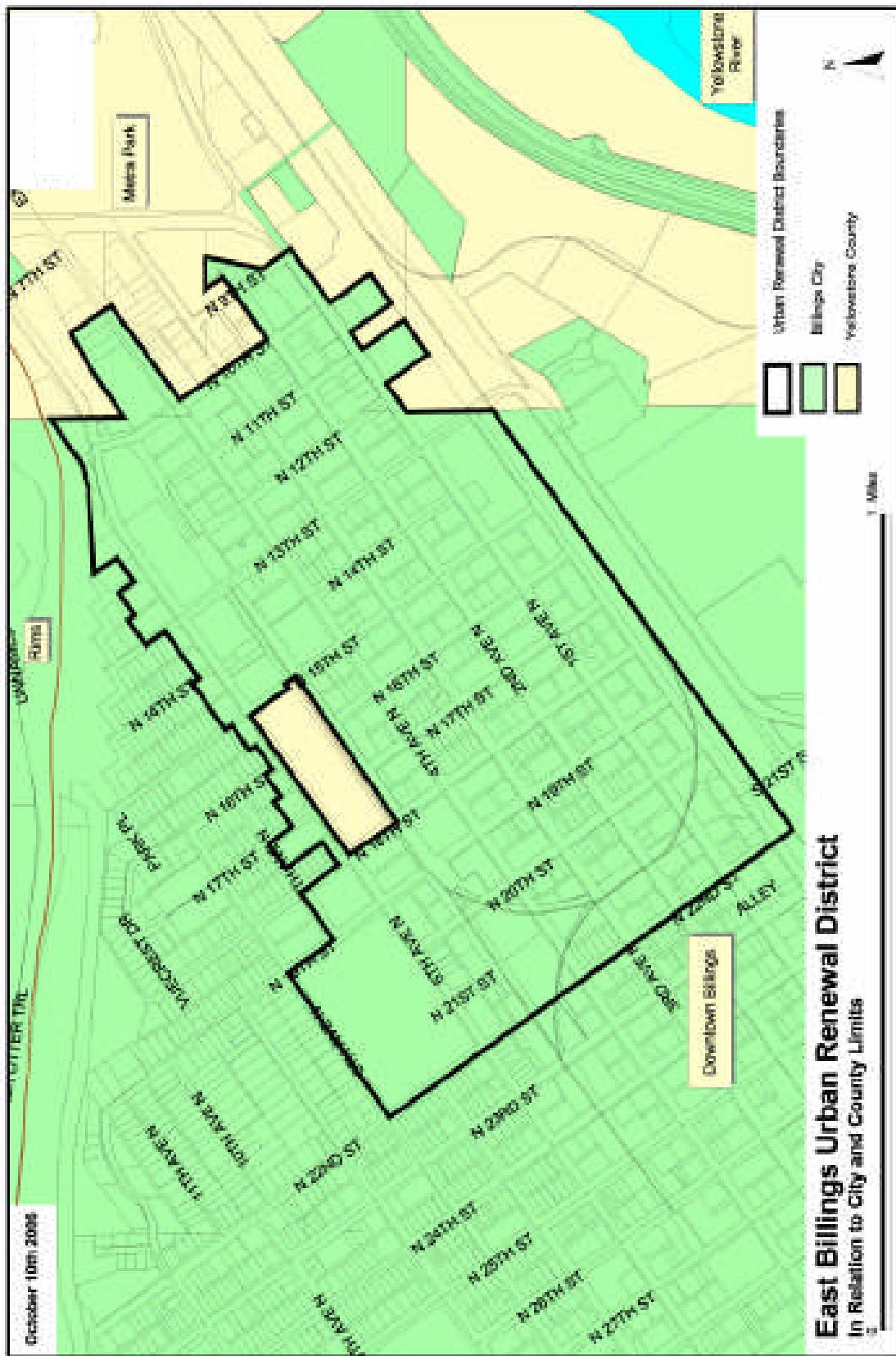


EXHIBIT B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF URBAN RENEWAL AREA

Starting at the intersection of Montana Avenue and North 22nd Street, extending north down the centerline of North 22nd to the intersection of North 22nd Street and 8th Avenue North, extending east down the centerline of 8th Avenue North to the intersection of 8th Avenue North and North 19th Street, extending south down the centerline of North 19th Street to the intersection of North 19th Street and 7th Avenue North, extending east along the centerline of 7th Avenue North to the intersection of North 18th Street and 7th Avenue North, extending south down the centerline of North 18th Street to be perpendicular with the northern most edge of property line of LT 23 & 24 BLK 274 BILLINGS 1ST ADD, T01NR26E, extending east along the Northern edge of LT 23 & 24 BLK 274 BILLINGS 1ST ADD, T01NR26E and hence eastward including in their entirety the southern most properties most directly adjacent to 6th Avenue North to the city boundary line, extending southerly and westerly along the city boundary lines to the northern edge of the rail road tracks, extending west along the northern edge of the railroad tracks to the centerline of North 22nd Street, extending north along the centerline of North 22nd Street to the ending point at the intersection of Montana Avenue and North 22nd Street. Excluding the non-incorporated land that envelops the empire steel property LTS 3 TO 23 & VAC 10FT ADJ ALLEY & E 404T ADJ N 16TH ST BLK 258 & 259.

EXHIBIT C

EAST BILLINGS URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

(separate document)