

RESOLUTION 05-18271

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY RELATED TO THE **EXCLUSION OF TERRITORY FROM THE CITY OF BILLINGS** OTHERWISE REFERRED TO AS "**DEANNEXATION**", PURSUANT TO MANDATORY PROVISIONS OF SELF-GOVERNING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, 7-1-114, MCA AND EXCLUSION OF TERRITORY, 7-2-4801, ET. SEQ., MCA.

WHEREAS, The City of Billings is subject to all state laws providing for the exclusion of territory from the City pursuant to 7-1-114, MCA, and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires a policy to determine when exclusion of territory is in the best interest of the City pursuant to 7-2-4801, et. seq., MCA,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

That the City of Billings is committed to providing cost effective services to all territories within the City. It is recognized that in some instances the City may be incapable of providing these services to certain territories without unreasonably burdening the existing taxpayers or the individual landowner. In those cases, it may be in the best interest of the City and City residents to exclude these territories from the municipality.

The Billings City Council has the authority to exclude territory from the City in accordance with 7-2-4801, et seq, MCA. In doing so, the City Council must find that:

1. A petition, signed by a majority of qualified electors who voted in the last City election or by owners of not less than three-fourths in value of territory to be excluded, has been filed with the City Clerk; and
2. The territory to be excluded is within the existing City limits and on the border of the City; and
3. Granting the petition is in the best interest of the City; and
4. The exclusion of the territory will not mar the symmetry of the City.

Exclusion of the territory may be considered in the best interest of the City if the territory:

1. Is not currently connected to City water, wastewater or storm drainage facilities, and cannot connect to these facilities without an unreasonable expenditure of personal or public funds, and
2. Is not adjacent to public rights-of-way, and
3. Is not encumbered by any indebtedness of any improvement district of which the territory is a part, and
4. Is located on the outer perimeter of the City limits and upon exclusion of the property will not result in a parcel wholly surrounded by City limits, and
5. Is not adjacent to acceptable limits of annexation as defined on the most recent update of the Limits of Annexation Map.

Passed by the City Council, this 23rd day of May, 2005



THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____

Charles F. Tooley

MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tem
in the absence
of the Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: _____

Marita Herold

Marita Herold, CMC/AE CITY CLERK