

RESOLUTION NO. 10-18912

A RESOLUTION BY THE BILLINGS MONTANA CITY COUNCIL, APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$20,000 OF COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR MOUNTAIN PINE BARK BETTLE TREATMENT IN BILLINGS CITY PARKS

WHEREAS, the mountain pine bark beetle infestation of coniferous trees affects all areas of Montana and has caused millions of dollars of damage, and

WHEREAS, mountain pine bark beetles and damaged or dead trees have been identified in Billings parks, and

WHEREAS, pine trees in Billings parks are invaluable assets for those parks and should be protected from the beetle damage and preserved as long term City investments, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Lands is prepared to inspect, remove and dispose of infected trees early in 2010 at an estimated cost of \$27,000, and

WHEREAS, there are effective preventative treatments that can be applied to pine trees before they become infested and damaged or killed, and

WHEREAS, the estimated FY 2010 cost for applying the preventative treatment to park pine trees is \$20,000 and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Lands did not budget for this expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL THAT up to \$20,000 of Council Contingency funding is approved for treating pine trees in Billings parks to prevent further damage by mountain pine beetles.

ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 2010 by the Billings City Council.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS

BY: *Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor*
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Attest:

BY: *Cari Martin*
Cari Martin, City Clerk

