

# RESOLUTION No. 3462

## **A RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RED LODGE, MONTANA TO ALLOW COLLECTION OF WATER AND SEWER FEES FOR VACANT LOTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Red Lodge passed Resolution No. 3450 on December 12, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk met with the Montana Department of Revenue and Carbon County Treasurer to establish the most efficient way to bill the fees established in Resolution 3450; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Revenue allows owners with contiguous lots, to combine lots for the purpose of receiving a single tax bill for all recorded legal descriptions owned; and

**WHEREAS**, a difference exists between combined lots for tax bill purposes and aggregated lots (boundary relocation), which are properly recorded changes in legal descriptions: and

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk are desirous to work with the Montana Department of Revenue in accordance with Montana Code Annotated §7-12-4181; and

**WHEREAS**, clarification must be made regarding combined lots for tax bill purposes and the aggregation of lots.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council:

1. That upon passage of this Resolution, any combination of lots by the Montana Department of Revenue will not affect the application of the utility capital expense fees assessed on the yearly tax bill. Combined lots will be charged per curbstop, per non-curbstop or per sewer fee, as referenced in Resolution No. 3450, for each individual recorded legal description regardless of the combination thereof.

2. During which time a property owner chooses to legally aggregate multiple lots that contain more than one curbstop, they must abandon their additional water service line in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Governing Water and Wastewater Services for the City of Red Lodge, Montana, Section 16-12. If the property owner elects not to abandon the additional water service line, they must pay the curbstop fee assessed by the City for each existing curbstop.

**INTRODUCED** at a Regular meeting of the City Council on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 by Council Member

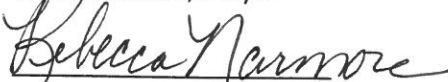
Thompson.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** BY THE RED LODGE CITY COUNCIL on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

City of Red Lodge:



William Larson, Mayor



Rebecca Narmore, City Attorney

Attest



Loni Hanson, City Clerk