

REQUEST FOR A REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Montana Code Annotated 2015, Section 7-11-1011 establishes the authority of a local governing body to order a referendum on the creation of a proposed special district to be submitted to the registered voters who reside within the proposed special district and the individuals qualified to vote pursuant to subsections (5) and (6); and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge Cemetery is a free-standing entity with minimal and inadequate support for regular operation, maintenance and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the current administrative body, the City Cemetery Committee, and the current governing body for the cemetery, the Red Lodge City Council, both recognize the need for and agree to the wisdom of the establishment of a special independent district for the oversight both financially and administratively of the Red Lodge Cemetery;

NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of Carbon County call for a referendum to be included on the ballot of the primary election to be held in the 2016 election cycle for the express purpose of establishing a SPECIAL DISTRICT to be known as the RED LODGE CEMETERY DISTRICT.

Said district shall be voted upon by the electors within Carbon County Precincts 8, 9, 10 and 11, otherwise known as the Red Lodge School District #1.

Funding for the special district shall be provided by the approval of a four (4) mil levy to be assigned for the purpose of operation, maintenance and improvements to the special district. Approximate costs for property holders would be: for a \$100,000 property = \$5.50 per year; for a \$200,000 property = \$11.00 per year.

The administration of the special district shall be by a committee of five (5) who shall be appointed by the Commissioners of Carbon County from volunteer resident free-holders from within the boundaries of the special district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of this call for a referendum to create a special district, that the Commissioners of Carbon County shall instruct the County Election Officer to include said referendum on the primary ballot created for the precincts within the boundary of the said special district and that the wording of the ballot issue shall comply with MCA 7-11-1011 and that following the election the election official shall report to the Commissioners of Carbon County as called for in MCA 7-11-1011.