

Resolution No. 3520

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO CREATE THE RED LODGE RESORT TAX RENEWAL BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge Resort Tax, as approved by voters, took effect on January 1, 1998 for 25 years and expires on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge has identified the need to extend the Resort Tax for an additional 25 years; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to evaluate what a future ballot question should include as allowable uses of Resort Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge seeks to consider utilizing the authority granted in Senate Bill 241, which allows for an extra 1% of Resort Tax, if approved by the public via a ballot initiative, for a project specific capital infrastructure improvement; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to educate and engage our citizens regarding a possible Resort Tax extension within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lodge City Council has determined it is in the best interest of the City of Red Lodge to establish a Red Lodge Resort Tax Renewal Board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge, Montana, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Red Lodge Resort Tax Renewal Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," shall be established and maintained to advise and give insight to the City Council on the efforts to evaluate Resort Tax options while educating and informing the citizens of Red Lodge of Resort Tax options.

The Board shall consist of five (5) voting members along with a non-voting member of the City Council, acting as an ex-officio member of the Board to provide recommendations to the City Council.

The membership of the Board shall include:

- Two (2) members, from within the corporate limits of the City of Red Lodge appointed by the Mayor; and
- One (1) member, residing within five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the City of Red Lodge, appointed by the Mayor; and
- One (1) member, from within the corporate limits of the City of Red Lodge, appointed by the City Council; and
- One (1) member, residing within five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the City of Red Lodge, appointed by the City Council; and

The Board shall adopt by-laws that, at a minimum address; Officers, times and location of meetings, record keeping and reporting, quorum, conduct of meetings.

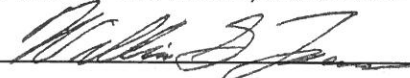
At initial establishment of the Board one (1) appointment by the City Council and one (1) appointment by the Mayor shall be for three (3) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for two (2) years and may be renewed at the pleasure of the Mayor or City Council. The Board may be disbanded if Resort Tax is extended by the voters.

The Board shall meet in the months of April, July, and October and may meet more often as required to give advice and recommendations to the City Council on a future ballot initiative.


SECTION 2. All meetings of the Board shall be noticed at the City's official posting places not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting and are subject to the requirements of the Montana Open Meeting Law. Pursuant to 7-1-4135 MCA, the City Council has designated by resolution its official posting places to be the posting board in the lobby of City Hall located at 1 South Platt Ave., Red Lodge, Montana, and in the lobby of the Red Lodge Post Office, 202 West 12th St., Red Lodge, Montana. Meeting should also be posted on the City of Red Lodge Website, Google Groups and Facebook pages. Further, the Board shall be subject to reporting requirements established in the Board By-Laws. Minutes of the meetings and records of decisions shall be produced and filed with the City Clerk.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council the 11th day of June, 2019.


FOR THE CITY OF RED LODGE, MONTANA:

By: 

William Larson, Mayor

Attest: 

Loni Hanson, City Clerk



Rebecca Narmore, City Attorney