

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Bernie Massey, Assistant Treasurer
Laurae Clark, Treasurer
Melissa Hodnett, Finance Director

SUBJECT: A Resolution for the Certification of Delinquent City Assessments to the County

MEETING DATE: January 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution for the Certification of Delinquent City Assessments to the Gallatin County as submitted.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 7.5. Funding and Delivery of City Services: Use equitable and sustainable sources of funding for appropriate City services, and deliver them in a lean and efficient manner.

BACKGROUND: The Montana Code Annotated (MCA) authorizes the City of Bozeman to address delinquent special assessments under **Title 7, Chapter 12, Part 41** and **Title 7, Chapter 6, Part 44**. Per MCA 7-12-4183 and 7-6-4423, the City may certify delinquent assessments to the County Treasurer for collection alongside property taxes. This process ensures unpaid special assessments are recovered efficiently. Once certified, the County includes these delinquencies in its tax collection process, and properties with unpaid assessments may be subject to sale for recovery of the owed amounts.

The certification process is a critical tool for cities to ensure the funding of essential public services and infrastructure improvements. By enforcing payment, liens promote fairness among property owners, protect city revenue, and safeguard the community's financial stability. They also help preserve property values by ensuring projects like road repairs are adequately funded. Additionally, liens provide a legal mechanism for cities to recover delinquent payments, incentivizing property owners to meet their obligations and minimizing the financial burden on other taxpayers.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the City Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: This action item ensures collection of the 1st half assessments that were not paid by the due date of December 2, 2024. The amount we have certified

and will in turn collect is \$439,528.94 as noted on Schedule "A" attached.

Attachments:

[Resolution_Certification_of_Delinquent_1st_half-FY25.docx](#)

Report compiled on: December 10, 2024