



**City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee**

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: Revoke Resolution 8149

Date: February 1, 2022

Sponsor(s): Gwen Jones

Prepared by: Gwen Jones

Ward(s) Affected:

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- All Wards
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- N/A

Action Required:

Revoke Resolution 8149 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND FOR INDIVIDUALS DISPOPORTIONALLY AFFECTED BY CITY PROPERTY TAX INCREASES, AKA "BETTY'S FUND."

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Revoke Resolution 8149 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND FOR INDIVIDUALS DISPOPORTIONALLY AFFECTED BY CITY PROPERTY TAX INCREASES, AKA "BETTY'S FUND."

Timeline:

Referral to committee: February 7, 2022
 Committee discussion: February 9, 2022
 Council action (or sets hearing): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 Public Hearing (if required): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored: In 2016 the Missoula City Council passed a Resolution intending to provide property tax relief. The Resolution called for the Fund to be funded by private citizen donation; no citizen donations have ever been made to this fund.

Since its inception, there have been no disbursements from the fund.

Every year City staff field numerous requests for aid from the fund for property tax relief, and are unable to fulfill the requests since the fund has no money in it.

Given that the Resolution to provide property tax relief is not working as it was intended, has never been funded by any private donations, and staff time is needed to field the requests, it is appropriate to revoke the Resolution at this point in time, and communicate the correct avenues for Missoula property owners to request property tax assistance from the State of Montana via established programs. A link is listed at the bottom of this referral to Montana State Property Tax assistance programs.

Financial Implications: None.

Links to external websites: <https://mtrevenue.gov/taxes/tax-relief-programs/>