

**City of Missoula**  
**EMERGENCY LEVY AUTHORIZATION**  
**Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, Mayor Jordan Hess adopted Resolution Number 8684 on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 declaring that a State of Emergency existed in the area of emergency sheltering and directing City of Missoula staff to assist the nonprofit provider community during the pendency of this emergency with financial resources, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to avert or minimize the immediate peril to life and property, and to mitigate further suffering, injury, loss or other damage associated with this Emergency; and

WHEREAS, as part of responding to this emergency the City of Missoula entered into a contract with its nonprofit partner The Poverello Center to operate a year-round emergency shelter at the City's Johnson Street facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula made critical improvements to the Johnson Street facility to make it more suited for use as a year-round emergency shelter, including code related life/safety improvements, fencing and other security measures, improvements necessary for shelter operations such as laundry facilities, and innovative modular restroom and shower facilities; and

WHEREAS, the year-round emergency shelter opened in September 2023 and has served thousands of people seeking emergency shelter averaging approximately 123 people per night; and

WHEREAS, the number of people living outdoors in unsafe and unhealthy conditions has decreased in the City as well as the amount of damage to public spaces since the opening of the year-round emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, there were no reported deaths of people living outdoors, including in times of unusually hot or cold periods, since the opening of the year-round emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula incurred substantial cost to activate the year-round emergency shelter necessary to avert or minimize the immediate peril to life and property, including \$581,583 paid to operate the facility in fiscal year 2024 and \$444,687 for necessary improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula did not have adequate resources and continues to not have adequate resources to improve and operate the year-round emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-405, MCA authorizes the reimbursement of expenditures made during the response to an emergency proclamation, limited to the value of two mills (\$414,009 in FY25), as approved by the unanimous vote of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Missoula City Council approves the one-time use of a 2 mill emergency levy reimbursing \$414,009 of the City's costs incurred in emergency sheltering activities under Emergency Proclamation Resolution Number 8684 and authorizing its placement in the City of Missoula's fiscal year 2025 Budget to be used to pay for the ongoing costs to address emergency sheltering in Missoula.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2024.

Attest:

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Mayor Andrea Davis

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Claire Trimble, City Clerk