

CITY OF HAMILTON  
Resolution #1296

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BITTERROOT PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPRECIATION  
RESERVE FUND PER MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED (MCA) 22-1-305**

WHEREAS the city-county Bitterroot Public Library was officially created in accord with MCA 7-11-1101 and MCA 22-1-303 by the governing bodies of both Ravalli County and the City of Hamilton under the provision of Montana laws relating to public libraries and an Interlocal Library Contract, and

WHEREAS the Library Board of Trustees was appointed and made responsible for the oversight and direction of the library in accord with MCA 22-1-308 and -309, and

WHEREAS the Library Board of Trustees is entrusted to ensure that the residents of the library service area are provided access to quality library services and resources that will meet both current and future needs, and

WHEREAS MCA 22-1-305 provides as follows:

**Library depreciation reserve fund authorized.** The governing body of any city or county or a combination of city and county in Montana may establish a library depreciation reserve fund for the replacement and acquisition of property, capital improvements, and equipment necessary to maintain and improve city, county, or city-county library services, and

WHEREAS on November 19, 2015, the Bitterroot Public Library Board of Trustees voted to request establishment of a library depreciation reserve fund, and


WHEREAS on December 17, 2015, the Board of Ravalli County Commissioners by resolution No. 3359 approved establishment of a library depreciation reserve fund, and

WHEREAS on January 19, 2016, the Hamilton City Council met at a lawfully noticed public meeting and determined that creating such a reserve fund provides sound fiscal management of Library funds.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hamilton does establish a library depreciation reserve fund for the Bitterroot Public Library under MCA 22-1-305, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Library Depreciation Reserve Fund will be managed and subject to audit controls in a similar manner as other funds under the control and authority of the Library Board of Trustees so long as such actions do not restrict the purposes for which the Fund was established.

DATED this 20 day of January, 2016.

  
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JERRY E. STEELE, Mayor

Attest:

  
  
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ROSE M. ALLEN, City Clerk  
*for Rose M. Allen*