

**RESOLUTION 22-2016 \*AMENDED\***

**RESOLUTION TO PLACE WEED MILLS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT**

**WHEREAS**, 7-22-2142, MCA, permits the governing body of a county to raise money by taxation for Noxious Weed Control in excess of the levies allowed by law, subject to the provisions of 15-10-420, MCA, and

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County Weed Board has requested the governing body of Jefferson County place a Special Weed District Mill on the November 2016 general election ballot in increase the levy by three (3) mills, based on the estimated value of one mill being twenty-six thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars (\$26,721). The extra funds will be used for the following:

- A. An allocation of two (2) mills, approximately fifty-three thousand four hundred forty-two dollars (\$53,442) will be used to support the county-wide herbicide cost share program. Thus allowing residents and landowners to acquire herbicides at a reduced cost and provide some reimbursement of other herbicide cost.
- B. One (1) mill, approximately twenty-six thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars (\$26,721), will be allocated to the following activities:
  - 1. Eleven thousand five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$11,535) will be used for weed control in the municipalities, cemeteries, ball fields, rodeo grounds, and other areas designated as having public interest.
  - 2. The District will use seven thousand fifty-four dollars (\$7,054) for educational programs to promote good land stewardship, aid residents in obtaining applicator licenses and inform people in the safe and correct use of herbicides.
  - 3. Eight thousand one hundred thirty-two dollars (\$8,132) to research and apply techniques to work on specific location and weed problems and mitigating methods, bio-control and weed mapping and inventory.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, pursuant to 7-22-2142, MCA, hereby declare a financial need to seek additional mills for the Jefferson County Weed Board and will place before the qualified electors a noxious weed control mill on the November 2016 general ballot requesting three (3) mills for the Jefferson County Weed District for a period not to exceed four (4) years and shall place the question as follows:

## NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL MILL BALLOT

The proposed ballot measure would increase tax liability for the 2018 tax year and for the four tax years thereafter, in the amount of 3 mills so as to generate approximately \$80,163 per year for use by the Jefferson County Weed Board during the Fiscal year 2018 and for three additional fiscal years thereafter for the following:

1. An allocation of fifty-three thousand four hundred forty-two dollars (\$53,442) will be used to support the county-wide herbicide cost share program, thus allowing residents and landowners to acquire herbicides at reduced cost.
2. Eleven thousand five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$11,535) will be used for weed control in the municipalities, cemeteries, ball fields, rodeo grounds, and other areas designated as having public interest.
3. The District will use seven thousand fifty-four dollars (\$7,054) for educational programs to promote good land stewardship, aid residents in obtaining applicator license and inform people in the safe and correct use of herbicides.
4. The District shall use the remaining amount, approximately eight thousand one hundred thirty-two dollars (\$8,132) to research and apply techniques to work on specific location and weed problems and mitigating methods, bio-control, and weed mapping and inventory. Any remaining amounts will be used for District operations and special community projects.

The tax impact of the election of three (3) mills on a residence with a phase-in value of fifty thousand (\$50,000) would be \$2.03 each year of the levy; one hundred thousand (\$100,000) would be approximately \$4.05 each year of the levy; on a residence with a phase-in value of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) would be approximately \$8.10 each year of the levy.

FOR authorizing an additional three (3) mills for the Jefferson County Weed Board

AGAINST authorizing an additional three (3) mills for the Jefferson County Weed Board

**DATED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY**  
**CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**BOB MULLEN, CHAIR**

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**LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER**

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**CORY KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER**

