

RESOLUTION 2026 - 5

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FRONTIER VILLAGE ESTATES FIRE RURAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2016-4

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark County Board of Commissioners (Board) is authorized to create a rural improvement district (RID) whenever the public interest or convenience may require, as per MCA 7-12-2102; and

WHEREAS, the Wade Minor Subdivision received preliminary approval from the Board on December 17, 2024, with Condition of Approval No. 15 of that approval requiring the creation or joining of an RID for maintenance of the fire protection system that will serve the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the attached letter, Exhibit A, serving as the petition to join a RID, contains the signature of all owners of property to be added to the amended RID; and

WHEREAS, the designated items set forth in MCA 7-12-2103(2) are as follows:

1. The designated number of the existing Frontier Village Estates Fire System RID is 2016-4.
2. The boundaries of the amended RID are shown on Exhibit B, which encompasses the boundaries of the Wade Minor, Frontier Village, Buckboard, and Garden Valley Subdivisions.
3. The general character of maintenance includes costs associated with the repair and upkeep of the fire protection system located within the Frontier Village Estates Subdivision.
4. The County Engineer, or their designee, is to have charge of the work. Maintenance costs for the fire protection system were reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department. The estimated cost for funding said maintenance is \$2,886.08 per year, or \$23.85 per property for 121 properties, as shown on Exhibit B. All maintenance funds collected for the RID will be spent solely on maintenance within the RID.
5. Pursuant to MCA 7-12-2103(2)(f), "if an increase occurs in the number of benefitted lots, tracts, or parcels within the boundaries of the district during the term of the bonded indebtedness, the assessment per lot, tract, or parcel then in the district will be recalculated as provided in 7-12-2151(4)."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board,

1. That it does hereby amend the Frontier Village Estates Fire Rural Improvement District, No. 2016-4, for the purposes of: (1) adding the Wade Minor Subdivision, and (2) updating the costs associated with maintenance of the fire protection system improvement.
2. That the Lewis and Clark County Public Works Department is authorized and responsible for coordinating maintenance as described in this resolution within the RID boundary as shown on Exhibit B.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on this 8
Day of January 2026.



LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Tom Rolfe, Chair

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

Attachments:

Exhibit – A (Petition)

Exhibit – B (Boundaries)



Exhibit – A

Jessica Makus, Special Districts Planner
Lewis & Clark County Planning Dept.
3402 Cooney Drive
Helena, MT 59602

Re: Wade Minor, Final Plat Requirement
Petition to create Rural Improvement District (RID) for Use of Existing Offsite
Fire Protection System

Dear Ms. Makus:

According to the Lewis and Clark County GIS maps, Wade Minor Subdivision currently lies outside any RID or SID boundaries. Condition of Approval #15 states *"In cooperation with the County, the Applicant shall create or amend a Rural Improvement District(s) for the maintenance, preservation, and repair of the fire protection system and its improvements for the proposed Subdivision unless the fire protection system is maintained by the FPAHJ or public water supply system that provides adequate funding to maintain the system."*

I hereby request that a RID be created for the maintenance, preservation and repair of the existing offsite system that has been approved by the Fire Chief, David Hamilton. While several existing systems exist, his system of choice is the system that currently serves Frontier Village Estates, Buckboard Meadows, and Garden Valley. Reference is made to the Wade Minor Subdivision Staff Report that discusses fire protection for this proposed subdivision in detail.

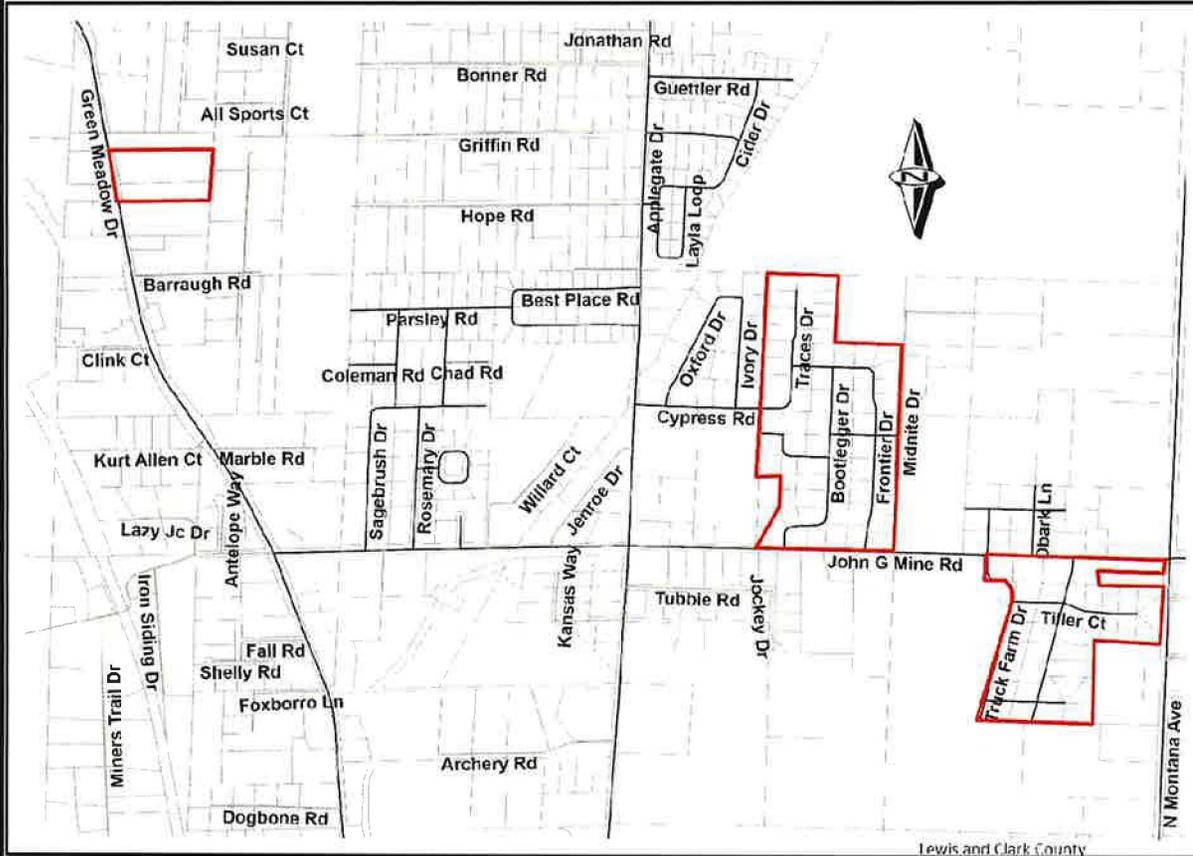
Therefore, for purposes of maintenance of the proposed listed in the conditions above, I hereby petition Lewis and Clark County to create a Rural Improvement District in accordance with MCA Title 7, Chapter 12, Part 21.

County policy requires signatures of 60% of the owners to form a RID or SID. I, Larry Kim Smith, am the sole owner of this property (which has not yet been final platted), therefore satisfying this requirement with my signature hereto.


Larry "Kim" Smith
Kim Smith Properties, LLC

FIRE RURAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 2016-4

Subject Boundary



Lewis and Clark County
Community Development & Planning
December
2025

Exhibit – B