

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 2026

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, Chapter 40 of the North Dakota Century Code authorizes cities in North Dakota to use special assessments as a method to fund public improvements, such as water supply systems, sewer systems, streets, flood protection, sidewalks, trees, storm sewers.

WHEREAS, according to N.D.C.C. 40-22-01.2, cities with a population exceeding 10,000 population shall adopt written policies which will be applied for cost allocation among properties benefitting by a special assessment project.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the N.D.C.C., the City will levy and apportion special assessments in a reasonable, equitable manner consistent with the procedural process and substantive case law governing the levy and apportionment of the special assessment as determined by the North Dakota Supreme Court.

WHEREAS, the City utilizes special assessments as a method to pay for public improvements that affect benefitting properties. Improvements in the public right-of-way and dedicated public easements are considered public improvements if they meet the City's design standards. The costs of the improvements are allocated to the parcels/lots that benefit from these improvements.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that each and every special assessment district and the properties therein can have unique facts and circumstances, and the methodologies set forth in the Special Assessment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A are intended to provide guidance to the City of Dickinson Staff, Special Assessment Commission, and City Commission.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Dickinson and its citizens to adopt a policy that outlines the standardization of special improvement district creation and scope of work and cost allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Dickinson hereby adopts the Special Assessment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Dated this _____ day of July 2026.

Scott Decker, President
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dustin Dassinger
Dickinson City Administrator