

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2019 MISSOULA URBAN AREA OPEN SPACE PLAN
AS AN ISSUE PLAN OF THE 2035 MISSOULA CITY GROWTH POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula governing body should be guided by and give consideration to this issue plan and its recommendations regarding open space associated priorities, as it pertains to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy and additional adopted plans, policies, ordinances, standards, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, MCA 76-1-604 authorizes the City Council to adopt or revise a growth policy, or any of its parts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula adopted the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy with associated amendments and issue plans, on November 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan is considered an associated Issue Plan to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, issue plans provide detailed analyses and policy guidance on specific infrastructure, facilities, development, or conservation issues identified in the Growth Policy. Issue plans should conform to the Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan - Issue Plan replaces the 2005 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan - Issue Plan was drafted through a public planning process conducted by the Missoula City Parks and Recreation Department and Missoula County Parks, Trails, and Open Lands Department; and

WHEREAS, this 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan - Issue Plan was developed through an extensive outreach process that engaged citizens in the development of open space recommendations and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board, Open Space Advisory Committee, and Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee, each approved the 2019 Open Space Plan, and recommended the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board, City Council, and Board of County Commissioners adopt the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan 2019, was reviewed by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board for conformity with the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy at one public hearing, dated September 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board has agreed that the plan conforms to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy and unanimously recommended that the City of Missoula adopt the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan as an Issue Plan of the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missoula City Council hereby adopts this Resolution of Intent to Adopt the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan as an Issue Plan of the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy as recommended by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board and hereby sets a joint City Council/Board of County Commissioners public hearing on the plan for October 21, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED:

John Engen
Mayor