

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2019 MISSOULA DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN AS
AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2035 MISSOULA CITY GROWTH POLICY, REPLACING THE 2009
MISSOULA GREATER DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula governing body should be guided by and give consideration to this neighborhood plan and its recommendations regarding the Downtown Master Plan Area, 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, neighborhood plans, and issue plans, on November 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, according to state law, a Growth Policy may include one or more neighborhood plans. (MCA 76-1-601 (4)(a)); and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan is considered an associated Neighborhood Plan to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood plans focus on a smaller geographic area; a subset of the overall Growth Policy study area. Neighborhood plans are adopted as attachments (amendments) to the Growth Policy and must be consistent with the City Growth Policy, but address matters at a much finer geographic scale; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan replaces the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan was drafted through a public planning process led by the Downtown Missoula Partnership in cooperation with the City of Missoula, Missoula Redevelopment Agency and Development Services; and

WHEREAS, this 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan was developed through an extensive outreach process that engaged citizens in the development of community policy direction and included several large public meetings, over 250 outreach meetings, numerous steering and technical committee meetings, and opportunities to provide comments via tours, presentations, and online engagement; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan has gone through multi-agency approval by the Downtown Business Improvement District of Missoula, the Missoula Downtown Association, and the Missoula Downtown Foundation; and

WHEREAS, after public notice in the Missoulian, a newspaper of general circulation, on September 15, and 22, 2019, the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board held a public hearing on October 1, 2019 to hear and consider the Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy, replacing the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board unanimously recommended that the City of Missoula adopt the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan as an amendment to 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 Downtown Master Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy, replacing the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan, as recommended by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board and hereby sets a City Council public hearing on the plan for November 4, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk
(SEAL)

John Engen
Mayor