

**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:**

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Martha L. Rehbein  
City Clerk  
(SEAL)

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John Engen  
Mayor