

Resolution _____

A resolution of the Missoula City Council delaying the date of contract sewer petition annexations of properties provided sewer service pursuant to the interlocal agreement with the East Missoula County Sewer District until at least January 1, 2034.

Whereas, the City of Missoula entered into an interlocal agreement with the East Missoula County Sewer District in 2000; and

Whereas, the interlocal agreement provided for the City to provide sanitary sewer service in the East Missoula County Sewer District and a delayed annexation of properties within the district; and

Whereas, section 12.02 of the interlocal agreement allows for City annexation of properties receiving sewer pursuant to the interlocal agreement beginning January 1, 2024; and

Whereas, representatives from the East Missoula Sewer District and East Missoula Community Council requests the City delay annexation until at least 10 years after the contract allows; and

Whereas, representatives from the East Missoula Sewer District and East Missoula Community Council believe that current planning efforts, including the East Missoula Corridor Study, present opportunities for East Missoula to improve its transportation infrastructure through county, state and federal investment that may be unavailable if the area were annexed; and

Whereas, the East Missoula Community Council and East Missoula Sewer District believe that resources and opportunities to ensure orderly development and improve infrastructure prior to any annexation exist; and

Whereas, the City of Missoula is not in a financial position to meet standards of service if East Missoula were annexed because of its small, mostly residential property tax base; and

Whereas, the City may one day elect to annex, but residents and Missoula taxpayers would be better served by a delay in annexation; and

Whereas, Missoula County has no objection to an agreement delaying potential annexation; and

Whereas, the mayor of Missoula and leadership in affected City of Missoula departments have no objection to an agreement delaying potential annexation;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Missoula City Council agrees to delay annexation of East Missoula properties included in the interlocal agreement until at least January 1, 2034 and instructs the mayor to memorialize this intention by signing this resolution.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein
Legislative Services Director/City Clerk

John Engen
Mayor