



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Land Use and Planning

Item: Amend City County Interlocal Agreement for Planning Services - 2026

Date: January 14, 2026

Sponsor(s): Laval Means

Department or function: CPDI

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:
Motion

Recommended Motion(s):
I move the City Council: **Approve and Authorize** the Mayor to sign an amended City County Interlocal Agreement for Land Use Planning Services

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	January 14, 2026
Council action (or sets hearing):	January 26, 2026
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:
In 1996, the City of Missoula and Missoula County entered into an interlocal agreement for land use planning services. This agreement has been modified many times over the course of the last 30 years, including most recently in July 2024 when the agreement was amended to meet the requirements of MCA 76-25, Montana Land Use and Planning Act (MLUPA).

The 2024 amended Interlocal Agreement authorized an additional function, allowing the existing Consolidated Planning Board to temporarily function as the Planning Commission, in accordance with MLUPA. At the same time, City Council also approved Resolution #8789, establishing the current Consolidated Planning Board as the Planning Commission for the City of Missoula for the purposes of implementation of the MLUPA.

Resolution #8789 stated that upon full implementation of the MLUPA, the City intends to establish a Municipal Planning Commission to fulfill the requirements of 76-25-104, MCA, including the function of appeals for any site-specific land use decisions made by the Planning Administrator pursuant to the adopted zoning and subdivision regulations.

On December 15, 2025, City Council approved Resolution #8921 to establish a Municipal Planning Commission to replace the existing Consolidated Planning Board (Planning Commission). This change closely aligns with timing of City Council consideration of the new Title 22 and associated new zoning map intended to implement MLUPA.

Staff is now requesting City Council consider a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City and County, removing 'coordinated functions.' The disbanding of the Consolidated Planning Board takes effect once all parties have signed the joint amended Interlocal Agreement.

With the City and County having their own reviewing bodies for appeals and review of planning documents and land use regulations, the 'coordinated functions' section of the Interlocal Agreement is no longer applicable and will be removed from the Interlocal Agreement. Specifics on how the Planning Commission will be created, its composition, and how the Commission will function are all included in Resolution #8921, as well as in Chapter 2 (Division 2.1.03 Planning Commission) of the City of Missoula Unified Development Code.

There will continue to be coordinated efforts between the City and County to plan for future development so that a countywide pattern of development, land use, and conservation reflecting the values of both city and county residents is created. The remainder of the existing Interlocal Agreement will be retained unchanged.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Attachments:

2026 amended Interlocal Agreement for Planning Services – clean

2026 amended Interlocal Agreement for Planning Services – track changes