

To Missoula city planning Larah Means and Marc Hendrickson, Jan. 22, 2026

You may not like me or this letter. BUT you made me write it when you Larah Means told me that you TOOK AWAY from me my C2-2 Zoning, on Dec. 31st, 2025. The SAME zoning that was given to me just over six (6) years ago by the city planning people. I don't think that is even legal. AND you told me I could (write a letter) so here it is. Before^{and} the Jan. 26th deadline that you gave me.

If you would have done the right and correct thing and left me alone you certainly would not have gotten this reply. you had absolutely no good reason that you (had to change) my zoning that just over six (6) years ago was fast to C2-2 from SD2 BY YOUR planning people. And your former leader at that time (Tom) certainly was not stupid. He was nice, and he was honest I thought.

I did not want to write this BUT (you) really left me no realistic choice to protect my property and constitutional rights.

None the less I hope to see you both in heaven after My Lord Jesus returns.

I do not want any written response to this letter other than to say, sorry, your C2-2 zoning is still in effect.

This letter is intended ONLY (for those) (voting) on the UDC zoning change!

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To Missoula city Planning Marc Hendrickson and Karol Means.

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Some time before Oct. 6th, 2025 I (Paul Block) received a Post card from Community Planning, Development and Innovation 435 Ryman St. Missoula. That card said COPIES of the draft materials WILL also be available to view in the Community Planning Development & Innovation office in city Hall at 435 Ryman Street. It also said regulations that apply to your property are likely to change --- SO I came there as soon as I had the time. (Oct. 6th)

It seems to me that the city planning board HAS NOT Lived up to the Montana Constitution where they seem to think they get and have Sovereign Power to change zoning or whatever. See what you think as you read this.

I am certainly not a lawyer or an expert. So check these things out for yourself in case I am wrong. And does VOTING for something done wrong make you party to that wrong? Just a thought, IF you are VOTING I have read a Great Big Book about the Montana Constitution so I do know some things. But I certainly do not know it all!!

I DO NOT use a computer so I found a couple of hours to go to 435 Ryman St. on Oct. 6th, 2025. I went in GOOD FAITH! To get all documents about my property zoning and/or rezoning. I was told NO ONE (of all the planners) was in. (I did not believe that) I was given Walter Banzigers phone number, so I could make an appointment. (I felt that I was being avoided.) I had my Post card with me. It said nothing about making an appointment before coming. I went to my car and called his number, so I could talk to him while I was still at 435 Ryman. I left him my name and number, hoping he would call back then or answer his phone. This was Oct 6th, 2025. I still to this day have not to my knowledge received a call back.

I got my post card before Oct 6th and it SAID THEN that copies of the draft materials will also be available to view. (I was told that nothing was available both on the 6th and again on the 29th of Oct.) The Montana Constitution says that it is a requirement for us to get and have the information that pertains and we have the full right to know! I still could not find out the information I wanted to know nearly a month after I got that post card on the 29th of Oct., No one seemed to know anything for sure.

And be reminded that back then when the Montana Constitution was written in 1977? not many (if any) people were using a computer. the information was to be gotten from or at the city planning department. Also there were no so called smart phones back then.

I had gone to 435 Ryman "IN GOOD FAITH" on Oct 6th for information on their plan about my corner, in writing. The only one I could get to talk to me was Charlie, He said he was fairly sure they would not be changing my zoning, but was not sure. I made it clear to Charlie that I was strongly against them changing me from C2-2, assuming that he was representing them and that he would tell them, I think he did. He certainly worked there.

In Oct. I came to 435 Ryman one more time and a nice young woman talked to me. I do not remember the date or her name.

Jon Sand made me a copy of only chapter four on zoning. I may be both blind and stupid but that did not answer my question about my property zoning clearly or at all. It seemed to me to be basically another confusing SD2 zoning repackaged.

I think the city planning people have been or should be disqualified from any sovereign power (in this case) that they might have had by NOT fulfilling the RIGHTS that the ones affected by this zoning change or (VDC) had for the RIGHT TO KNOW entirely.

Just Telling me yes or No about my zoning, I think taking my C2-2 was part of the plan and many of them knew it all along, I think the planning people, at least some of them disqualified themselves.

If you are going to use the Montana Constitution for special power then do not forget that there is more to that Montana Constitution - We the Tax payers and Land owners also have rights, even legal rights.

I do not believe it is right that they should get a second chance at changing MY ZONING. For the 3rd and 4th Time. I strongly oppose Changing my C2-2 Zoning that was given to me just 6 years ago by the planning and voting people there, at the city and planning board.

Changing my C2-2 Zoning is NOT something that has to be done, there is no absolute reason my C2-2 has to be changed except someone there has a personal preference for change. I would guess that I was here in Missoula (1965) before they were. I think the new zoning would Lower the Value of my property considerably, And ALSO make it more difficult to sell when I want to sell.

My ^{CPA} accountant told me to (NOT allow) a change and gave me a Lawyers name to call.

I am not trying to start trouble!!! I am trying to head off trouble!

I was just minding my own business and this Postcard came to me. I thought I owned my Property. I have been paying taxes since 1973, on this property.

Article II, section 3 says I have the inalienable right to possess AND PROTECT PROPERTY. (so I am trying to protect my property.)

Article II, section 9 No person shall be deprived of the right to examine documents ----. (I am a person! I came in several times.

I got no real answers! I didn't get any documents that said yes or no about my property! I think that disqualifies those involved!

Under my circumstances I could not come to the meetings. I tried to know by coming to 435 Ryman Like the Post card said! I did my part!

Next, I wonder if you planners have ever heard of double Jeopardy?

- ① In 1973 my property was unzoned. That is in part why we paid nearly double for that property. We figured when we retired unzoned would be worth alot!
- ② Then the city zoned us to something, but I do not remember back to the late 70's!
- ③ Then again the city changed it to S D 2.
- ④ In early 2019 it was voted to be changed to C2-2 by the city council and the Planning board. Are you now saying you were all wrong?

Some would call ALL of this rezoning TRIPLE JEOPARDY or make double double jeopardy! What ever you call it is up to you! But I think it is at least triple jeopardy.

I say another change from C2-2 JUST IS NOT FAIR at all!

I find it difficult to believe the city people can legally and morally change my zoning on me that many times and are not ashamed to try it again!

I do not believe that there is a Judge on this earth that would want the city to do this to them, and allow it to be done to them.

On Dec 31ST 2025 I came in again to 435 Ryman, this time I said with discust I have been in here Four Times to get some answers. The gal at the desk then got Larah Means. She told me two times strongly that C2-2 NO LONGER existed! (I thought to myself what is going on, they said there would be NO discision on anything until Jan 26th 2026, or, Mabe even later.

So I told her nicely but strongly I do not want (to lose) my C2-2 zoning! I said to her you are saying I cannot sell my property today as C2-2. She said NO! THAT IS JUST WRONG

(clearly to me that is not fair dealing) and NOT constitutional.) she was in my face in effect saying I don't care what you want this is the way this will be. And we were not even to Jan. 26th yet. I think I know at least one person who is against me.

I told her that Tom had told me that with C2-2 I could do a lot of things including a fuel station. But I could not do heavy industrial. She then told me that I can still do several things but not everything. I could do with C2-2.

Why would I want any of my options taken away? We bought the property with no zoning. Zoning can make property harder to sell. And why would I want it to lose some value? Plus more hassle for a buyer to build?

It's clear to me that someone wants to control my property that I have owned since 1973, probably longer than they have lived. And they want more say than myself, without paying the taxes. (Finally she said I could write a letter before the Jan. 26th deadline.)

I think the city planners that are involved should lose their constitutional right to sovereign power if they truly have that when we were not given our "right to know"!!! AND our right to protect our property!

On Dec 31st, 2025 when I was told for the first time (and remember before Jan 26, 2026) that I no longer had C2-2 I could not at first believe my ears. After being told that strongly the second time I believed my ears BUT I was NOT at all in agreement!

NO ONE BEFORE had told me my zoning was being changed when I was trying so hard to find out! Also I clearly knew that did NOT happen just that day on Dec 31st.

I Planned To File a STRONG PROTEST if I found out my Zoning may be changed!

Jon Stone gave me the 4th chapter on Zoning that I could not understand BUT NO ONE would give me a yes or NO until Dec. 31st.

I HAD the "RIGHT TO KNOW"!!! You people (did not give me) my CONSTITUTIONAL "right to know". Some of you knew (early on) I'm fairly sure.

I wonder how many there hoped the Time would pass until it was too late for me I didn't know until it was too late. Clearly Lavel Means said there was no more a C2-2 on Dec. 31st, I think that was a legal ISSUE.

I wonder how many there that are trying to do this to me, would want people to do this to them?!

Remember Lavel Means was talking to me for the first time on Dec. 31st Like I NO LONGER had any say about my property Zoning. The point being it was NOT Jan 26th, 2026 yet. This was the first moment in my life that I was informed that my zoning was changed! (Not might be changed on Jan 26th) And I had no right to say NO! according to her (it was a done deal). I was NO LONGER C2-2. and that I could not that day sell it as C2-2. She then told me I could send a letter before Jan. 26th.

I believed God Almighty gave me that C2-2 Zoning AFTER that Terrible SD2 zoning! I FULLY intend to fight legally to keep my C2-2 Zoning! Many people were interested in my property until they found out it was SD2.

Then she got Marc Hendrickson to help her with the computer, to show me what the New plan would look like.

(She repeated when Marc was there (remembering this is on the 31st of Dec., 26 days BEFORE there was to be a vote) that there is not a C2-2 anymore. How would you like a younger woman to do that to you, being an older gentleman, about your property, that they gladly take several thousand dollars a year from me in taxes?

I'm sure Larral Means heard me say on Dec. 31st that I did not want to lose my C2-2. I think Marc also heard that!

Just before I left I told Marc I do not like what they are doing (at all!!) meaning with my C2-2 zoning.

They are two of the planners. They should have told the other planners you would think the first week of Jan. if not that 31st day. I'm guessing most everyone knows this before Jan 10th.

When talking to Marc I was thinking why do we need more people in town? There is already too much traffic at times.

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