



## Missoula Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board



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### **Recommendation to Adopt Unified Development Code with Provisions for Long Term Bicycle Storage**

Dear Members of the Missoula City Council,

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board is proud to support and recommend adoption of the proposed Unified Development Code. This code represents a significant step forward in shaping Missoula's growth and reflects a thoughtful and incremental implementation of the Land Use Plan adopted last year. We appreciate the comprehensive approach this code takes toward creating a more livable, walkable, and well-planned community.

We are aware of the Planning Commission's recommendation to strike provisions related to **long-term bicycle storage** in multiunit and commercial developments. We believe this recommendation runs counter to the City's commitment to providing safe, comfortable, and convenient transportation options.

We also understand there was an oversight in the original adoption draft that did not include the provision of **short-term bicycle storage** for multiunit developments, but that there is a staff amendment to add that back in. We wholeheartedly support the amendment to return short-term bicycle storage to the UDC.

Secure bicycle storage is frequently missing from existing buildings, and its absence is consistently identified by the board as a significant barrier to bicycle commuting and everyday cycling. We believe it is imperative to include high-quality bicycle storage in new development and that many residents and employees would choose to bike more frequently if they had confidence their bicycles would be safe and protected from the elements. City Council has adopted the goal of tripling the percentage of people biking for transportation purposes,



and bicycle storage is needed to make active transportation a viable choice for more people, reducing vehicle trips, emissions, and traffic congestion.

The Unified Development Code is an excellent foundation for Missoula's future. We strongly urge that you reject the Planning Commission's recommendation and keep all bicycle storage provisions in the code to support our transportation and environmental goals and meet the practical needs of residents and workers who choose sustainable transportation.

The UDC is a major step in the right direction for Missoula, and we support all efforts to encourage development that better utilizes urban land, preserves open space, and reduces dependence on motor vehicles. We look forward to its implementation and continuing to advocate for ways to make Missoula more bikeable and walkable. Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing work to guide Missoula's development in a thoughtful and sustainable manner.

Respectfully,

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