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## News Release

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### **New Concepts and Directions Emerge for Old Zoning and Subdivision Regulations**

The city's code consultant team has released its initial draft *Concepts and Direction Report*, after six months of intensive public participation and information gathering and two subsequent months of research and analysis. The formidable report assesses many aspects of the city's regulations in terms of their ability to address evolving land use and development challenges. The recommendations included in the report are grounded in the team's understanding of Missoula's vision for the future and their in-depth knowledge of approaches being used successfully in other communities.

The report, which is available at [www.zoningmissoula.com](http://www.zoningmissoula.com), will be debuted at a project advisory group meeting to occur Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in City Council chambers. Kirk Bishop, the consultant team's project director, will briefly review the history and status of the project before delving into the report's findings and conceptual recommendations. Though the public is welcome at this meeting, the primary focus at this meeting will be on the advisory group's questions, comments and dialogue.

Following the advisory group's initial review of the report, the team will return in early April to present the report at a public workshop on April 2nd. This meeting will provide a key opportunity for Missoulians to weigh in on the progress of zoning and subdivision regulations update and share their views about the recommendations included in the *Concepts and Direction Report*. The public workshop will be held at the MCT Center for the Performing Arts, and all are welcome to attend. Quiet children's activities will be available. A public review draft of the report will be available to the public in advance of the April 2 workshop.

To learn more about where the project goes from here, citizens are encouraged to visit the project website: [www.zoningmissoula.com](http://www.zoningmissoula.com)