



Zoning/Subdivision Regulations Update

Project News

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Public Review Draft Zoning Ordinance Released for Public Review

On February 3rd the "Consolidated Public Review Draft" was released to the public and the project reviewing groups. This draft is a reflection of a wealth of comment gathered from city agencies, a citizen-based advisory group, a technical group, and the general public who have inspected the first draft (released in 3 parts) over the past seven months. In all, over 80 public meetings have been held over the past year and a half to solicit guidance and ideas for an updated zoning code. Read or download the draft at www.zoningmissoula.com.

Notice of Zoning Regulation Change Prepared for Landowner Mailing

A notice to property owners within the Missoula city limits is being created in another effort to notify citizens of proposed changes that have resulted from updating and modernizing the Missoula City Zoning Code. The City would like to use the opportunity to make a further effort to inform landowners about possible changes to their zoning districts prior to public hearings with the Planning Board and City Council. Details are being ironed out.

Comment on Zoning Ordinance Draft and Thanks

So far, it's been an exhausting and at times thankless process and OPG is indebted to the citizens and professionals who have volunteered countless hours graciously contributing to the project. However, we are not finished. The draft proposal now moves toward review from the Planning Board, City Council, and the accompanying public hearings. Comments are still being accepted by OPG and being passed on to the Board or Council.

What we call reality is an agreement that people have arrived at to make life more livable. – Louise Nevelson

Side by Side Comparison Reminder

A table showing a comparison of how all residential zoning district standards look in the proposed Consolidated Draft Ordinance compared to the current ordinance has been available on the www.zoningmissoula.com website since last August. It is an excellent starting point that lays out possible changes in zoning regulations for residents who don't have the inclination to read through the 277 page proposed ordinance. Keep in mind this is a basic guide and isn't intended to be a final word; other regulations may apply to unique situations.

Update on Digital Sign Regulations Proposal

On January 20, a "breakout discussion" meeting was held in the Jack Reidy Conference Room at 140 West Pine. Sign owners, industry reps, city council members and interested citizens met with Kirk Bishop (project consultant) by phone to air views concerning newly proposed digital sign regulations. Gary Bakke and Linda Lennox provided the group with suggestions that had been created during two meetings of their own to present a consolidated report representing the sign industry's concerns and proposed regulations. (OPG appreciates the time and effort that went into their constructive report.) Others voiced suggestions about preserving Missoula's visual environment through the policies set for digital sign regulations. Another Sign Chapter Breakout meeting is planned for noon on **February 11th**.

Meetings

February 10: A **presentation to the Planning Board** about the proposed Consolidated Public Review draft ordinance, Missoula City Council Chamber, 140 W. Pine, public welcome. **7:00 p.m.**

February 11: A **break-out discussion** on the Sign Chapter is scheduled for **12:00 to 1:30 pm** in the Jack Reidy room, 140 West Pine, public welcome.

February 11: An **Advisory Group meeting** is scheduled for 5:30 pm, City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine, public welcome.

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