

**RESOLUTION requesting COOPERATION with CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
regarding IMPACTS on THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS from a  
MADISON FOOD PARK SLAUGHTERHOUSE PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS a special use permit to authorize the construction and operation of the Madison Food Park, a food processing plant to be used as a wholesale feedlot, meat packing plant, slaughterhouse, rendering plant, value-added agricultural commodity processing facility, and distillery, has been suspended in anticipation of potential amendments; and

WHEREAS the initial proposal for Madison Food Park, as yet unamended, projects the employment of as many as 3,000 workers; the processing of approximately 1,800 head of cattle, 9,200 hogs and 135,000 chickens daily; the weekly travel of nearly 200 transport trucks on our roads; and the use of an estimated 3.5 million gallons of water daily from the Madison aquifer; and

WHEREAS the urban center nearest to the proposed food park is the City of Great Falls, making its residents the largest human population likely to be affected, whether positively or negatively, by the proposed development; and

WHEREAS the direct, secondary, and cumulative impacts, both beneficial and harmful, of a project of this size and scope on the physical, social, biological, economic, cultural and aesthetic factors of the human environment of Great Falls and, indeed, the sustainability of our community itself could be transformative and irreversible and are as yet unknown; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Great Falls represented by all nine of the City's Neighborhood Councils have formally requested that the Great Falls City Commission take the initiative to ensure that the potential impacts of the Madison Food Park are studied, documented, and considered as part of the permitting process; and

WHEREAS the City of Great Falls desires to continue to maintain a collaborative working relationship with Cascade County;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS** respectfully requests:

- That the Cascade County Commission consider, through an impact study to be provided by the developer, the impacts to the City of Great Falls and its residents in any future decision-making associated with a slaughterhouse proposal in the Madison Food Park. We further request that the City of Great Falls be included in establishing the scope of the impact study. Impact considerations include:

Transportation and Roads	Water Quality and Quantity
Employment	Wastewater and Sanitation
Schools	Medical and Social Services
Crime	Recreational, Historical, Cultural and Economic Assets
Tourism and Agriculture	Housing, including Property Values
Other Environmental Impacts (e.g., Noise, Odor, Air Quality)	

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