

RESOLUTION NO. 10531

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, TO DIRECT THE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD AND THE CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO UPDATE THE CITY'S GROWTH POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls Growth Policy serves as the official public document used by the City to guide decisions on land development applications as well as formulate public policy decisions related to community development initiatives in the community; and

WHEREAS, the current City's Growth Policy, "2025 Imagine Great Falls," has not been updated since its adoption by the City Commission on August 6, 2013, and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 76-1-601(3)(f)(iii) states that a Growth Policy must have: "an implementation strategy that includes: a timetable for reviewing the growth policy every five years and revising the policy if necessary"; and

WHEREAS, Page 181 of the 2013 Growth Policy contains the following language in the Implementation Section of the Plan. "Phy4.7.2 - Revise the Growth Policy every five years or amend, if:

- a. There are changing requirements in the applicable State law that must be addressed
- b. There are changing priorities within the City
- c. There is unanticipated growth beyond that projected in the Growth Policy
- d. There are undue fiscal impacts from growth and services"; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2023, the Governor of the State of Montana signed Senate Bill 382, entitled the Montana Land Use Planning Act; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Land Use Planning Act requires Montana cities of 5,000 people or greater in counties of 70,000 people or greater to create land use plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognized the importance of updating the 2013 Growth Policy document to address changing local development issues as well as Montana State Law by setting aside \$300,000 in the Planning and Community Development Department's 2023-2024 budget and

WHEREAS, MCA 76-1-106 charges the Planning Advisory Board, if requested by the City Commission, with updating the Growth Policy in its capacity as an advisory body to the City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that:

Pursuant to Title 76, Chapter 1, Part 1, MCA, the Planning Advisory Board for the City of Great Falls is hereby directed to prepare an update to the Growth Policy for the City of Great Falls.

Preparing the Growth Policy should include the entire community and take a holistic approach to addressing current and future development issues.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, December 19, 2023.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David G. Dennis, City Attorney