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A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY POLICY TO PRESERVE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD INTEGRITY BY DISCOURAGING THROUGH TRAFFIC IN THESE AREAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Billings has established an arterial and collector street system; and

WHEREAS, this street system occasionally experiences congestion; and

WHEREAS, this congestion causes some traffic to divert through neighborhood areas; and

WHEREAS, in the planning process the newer areas are being designed to either back up on arterial and collector streets or to otherwise discourage traffic through the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the older portion of the City of Billings is established basically on a grid system which can encourage through traffic intrusion into the neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, as follows:

1. POLICY: The City hereby recognizes the desirability of discouraging through traffic in neighborhood areas and will discourage this traffic under the following circumstances:
 - a. Wherever possible the arterial or collector street system will be designed and maintained to assure smooth flow.

- b. When a majority of the property owners and residents of the affected area request a neighborhood traffic plan. Said plan shall be considered and may be adopted provided that said plan:
 - i. can be accomplished without major disruption to public safety needs.
 - ii. meets design standards.
 - iii. will be paid for by the residents in this area.
 - iv. public hearing is convened and conducted by the City Council.
 - v. is not protested in writing by more than 20 percent of the property owners.
 - vi. joint owners including husband and wife shall be considered one property owner for the 20 percent protest.
- c. When an arterial or collector street reconstruction or construction project is designed, the possibility of side street closures will be incorporated into the design as much as possible to accommodate the smooth traffic flow on the arterial or collector.
- d. The impact of land use change decisions such as zone changes and variances will be evaluated in terms of potential traffic generation through neighborhood areas.

2. MAJOR DEVELOPERS: The impacts of major developments will address mitigating measures to avoid adverse neighborhood traffic impacts and the mitigating measures shall be implemented and paid for by the developer after public hearing with the approval of the property owners and residents of the affected area and of the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council and
APPROVED

21 June, 1982
THE CITY OF BILLINGS

By, ss. Lucille R. Mills
MAYOR

Deputy Mayor in the absence of the Mayor

ATTEST:

ss. Bonnie J. Stark
CITY CLERK

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