

**Attachment E – Applicant Letter
Special Review 914**

SPECIAL REVIEW APPLICATION – CITY OF BILLINGS

UMI IN BILLINGS, INC.

Answers to the following questions:

A. In what ways is your proposal consistent with the goals and policies of the adopted Growth Policy?

UMI in Billings, Inc. (UMI) is a new Montana corporation seeking an all-beverage liquor license for its Billings restaurant. UMI will be leasing space from West Park Plaza, centrally located in Billings, which is consistent with the goal of contiguous development focused in and around existing population centers. Further, the space leased from West Park Plaza has been attractively remodeled which contributes to a visually appealing community. Another goal that has been met is the goal of economic development efforts that target business recruitment and jobs.

B. Why is there a need for the intended use of the property at this location?

As stated above, UMI will be leasing space from West Park Plaza. The striking remodel of its properties is near completion and there is a great need for tenant occupancy. UMI will be contributing directly to a company investing in the Billings community.

C. How will the public interest be served if this application is approved?

Upon the approval of UMI's application, the public will have the opportunity to experience Japanese cuisine in a centrally located area of Billings.

D. Prepare a written statement addressing what is intended to be done with the property, including new construction or change in the use of the property and why the special review is being sought.

The improvements to the leased premises will transform the property into a functional and attractive restaurant. UMI's plans include having a large modern kitchen to serve patrons in two (2) large dining areas, three (3) hibachi areas, a sushi bar, and a cocktail bar. The special review is being sought as a result of applying for an All-Beverage Alcoholic Beverage license.