

RESOLUTION 19-_____

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ONE BIG SKY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the One Big Sky Memorandum of Understanding, with the Strategy Partners, Big Sky Economic Development, the Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Business Improvement District and the Downtown Billings Partnership for the purposes of creating a vision and strategy for the attraction of private investment including a \$100,000 General Fund payment on April 9, 2018. The City Council approved a line of credit agreement secured by the purchase of the Yesteryears Building, between the Downtown Business Partners and Big Sky Economic Development Corporation for purposes of the One Big Sky Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the Development Plan Agreement authorizing Big Sky Economic Development Corporation to execute the Development Plan Agreement with Landmark Development Services Company, LLC (the “Developer”) on June 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy Partners held dozens of public meetings throughout the community to provide information and receive input from the public for the One Big Sky District Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted legislative priorities that identified the One Big Sky Development Plan legislative tool as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council was provided a One Big Sky Development Plan on January 26, 2019 (the “Development Plan”); and

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WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the evolving economies and demographics of the state and its workforce needs and constraints, today and in the future, including the need to replace a significant number of retiring workers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to enable the City’s center of business and industry to better promote, stimulate, develop, and advance the general welfare, commerce, economic development, and prosperity of the businesses and industries located therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to increase and diversify the volume of commerce throughout the City and grow and strengthen the City’s overall economic base; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to attract, retain and train a strong workforce that will facilitate the attraction, retention and growth of commercial enterprises in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council cooperates and acts in conjunction with other organizations and entities, public and private, in the development of commerce, services, recreation, tourism, health care, housing and other economic activity in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council leverages strategies to attract private capital investment in businesses and industries, including investment in projects located in the City's federally-designated opportunity zone, which will benefit all areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to build, operate and maintain necessary civic infrastructure that will support the creation, expansion, modernization, retention, and relocation from other states of businesses and industries into the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to otherwise stimulate, assist in, and support the growth of economic activity that is expected to improve the fiscal stability and prosperity of the City overall and improve the standard of living of its citizens, today and for the next generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA: that the City approves the Development Plan as a general conceptual framework for development of the One Big Sky District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that the City defines the term "approve" as it appears in this resolution as follows:

1. The term "approve" means agreement with and acceptance of the Development Plan as a conceptual general framework for development designed generally to achieve the goals described in the Development Plan that establishes the One Big Sky Development District boundaries.
2. The term "approve" does not mean commitment to or adoption of any specific development agreements, project design, project location, policy, or public funding proposal that might be contained within the Development Plan. Similarly, the term "approve" does not mean any City commitment to or promise to enact any regulatory measure, specific tax, budget, or to appropriate public funds, approve a capital investment, adopt a land use control, or to approve any requests that seeks public funds for any One Big Sky Development-related purpose, and adoption of any specific land use control or solution, parking or transportation solutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By: _____
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk

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