

## **RESOLUTION 24-\_\_\_\_\_**

### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF BILLINGS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Montana Land Use Planning Act (MLUPA) aims to provide a comprehensive framework for sustainable land use planning and development in the state of Montana; and

WHEREAS, effective public participation is essential for the success and legitimacy of land use planning processes under MLUPA; and

WHEREAS, a transparent and inclusive public participation plan will enhance public engagement, foster community input, and ensure that diverse perspectives are considered in the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, the development and adoption of a Public Participation Plan (P3) will serve as a guiding document to facilitate meaningful public involvement in the implementation of the Montana Land Use Planning Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1: The City of Billings hereby adopts the Public Participation Plan (P3) for the Montana Land Use Planning Act, as presented in the attached document.

2: The P3 outlines a comprehensive strategy for engaging the public at various stages of the land use planning process, including but not limited to:

- Early public notice and outreach regarding proposed planning initiatives and projects.
- Opportunities for public comment, input, and feedback through public hearings, workshops, surveys, and online platforms.
- Provision of accessible and comprehensive information regarding planning proposals, including maps, data, and analysis.
- Collaboration with community stakeholders, local governments, and other relevant entities to ensure diverse perspectives are considered.
- Mechanisms for ongoing communication and dialogue between planners, decision-makers, and the public throughout the planning process.

3: The City of Billings shall allocate necessary resources and personnel to implement and administer the Public Participation Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Montana Land Use Planning Act.

4: The City of Billings may periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of the Public Participation Plan, soliciting feedback from the public and stakeholders, and making necessary adjustments to improve public engagement and participation in land use planning activities.

5: The City of Billings shall ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies governing public participation in land use planning processes, including but not limited to state statutes and administrative rules.

6: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the 13th day of May 2024.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk

Attachments: Public Participation Plan for the Montana Land Use Planning Act