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September 23, 2024

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Dear Applicant/Engineer:

On September 23, 2024 the Billings City Council conditionally approved the preliminary plat of Grove Ventures Subdivision, subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. To minimize the effects on local service prior to final plat approval, the applicant will coordinate with the USPS to determine what type of deliver system is preferred and to locate and provide the correct amount of space for safely delivering the mail to the residents.
2. Minor changes may be made in the SIA and final documents, as requested by the Planning, Legal or Public Works Departments to clarify the documents and bring them into the standard acceptable format.
3. The final plat shall comply with all requirements of the City of Billings Subdivision Regulations, rules, regulations, policies, and resolutions of the City of Billings, and the laws and Administrative Rules of the State of Montana.

Should you have any questions please contact Hunter Kelly at (406) 247-8613 or by email at kellyh@billingsmt.gov

Sincerely,


William A. Cole, Mayor

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Planning staff has prepared the Findings of Fact for the preliminary plat of Grove Ventures Subdivision. These findings are based on the preliminary plat application and supplemental documents and address the review criteria required by the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act (76-3-608, MCA) and the Billings Subdivision Regulations (Section 23-303(H), BMCC).

A. What are the effects on agriculture, local services, the natural environment, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and public health, safety and welfare? [MCA 76-3-608 (3) (a) and BMCC 23-302.H.2.]

1. Effect on agriculture and agricultural water user facilities

The subject property is a residential home and manufactured home park. Perimeter ditches and drains shall remain in place and not be altered by the subdivider or subsequent owners. The subdivision should not affect agricultural water users' facilities.

2. Effect on local services

a. **Utilities** – Water service will be provided by the City of Billings. New individual services will be provided to all the lots, and new fire hydrants will be installed as required by the City Fire Department. The water service for this subdivision comes from Prickett Lane. Any needed extension of those water lines will be installed by the subdivider to meet the requirements of the City of Billings Engineering Department regulations. The subdivider will install all new water lines in the local streets and individual services for each lot in accordance with design standards, specifications, rules and regulations of the City of Billings Engineering/Public Works Department and MDEQ. This is outlined in the SIA under the heading VI Utilities, A, Water.

Sanitary sewer service will be provided by connecting to the existing City of Billings' sewer mains. There is an existing sewer main along Prickett Lane. All new services shall be installed in accordance with design standards, specifications, rules and regulations of the City of Billings Public Works Department and MDEQ. This is outlined in the SIA under the heading VI Utilities, B, Sanitary Sewer.

Private Utilities will be provided from existing facilities to the subdivision. No additional easements on the lot frontage have been requested.

Stormwater – Stormwater drainage for the public streets is proposed to be provided by curb and gutters that discharge into storm water pipes. These and all other drainage improvements shall satisfy the criteria set forth by the *City of Billings Stormwater Management Manual* and will be subject to review and approval by the City Engineering Department.

b. **Solid Waste** – The City of Billings will provide solid waste collection and disposal. The City's landfill has adequate capacity for this waste.

5. Effect on the public health, safety and welfare

There will be no impacts to public health, safety and welfare because of this subdivision.

B. Was an Environmental Assessment required? [(MCA 76-3-616 and BMCC 23-302.H.1.)]

The proposed subdivision is exempt from the requirement for an Environmental Assessment pursuant to Section 76-3-616, MCA.

C. Does the subdivision conform to the City of Billings 2016 Growth Policy, the 2014 Transportation Plan, and the Billings Area Bikeway and Trail Master Plan? [BMCC 23-302.H.4.]

1. City of Billings 2016 Growth Policy

The proposed subdivision is consistent with the following goals of the Growth Policy:

- **Strong Neighborhoods** (livable, safe, sociable and resilient neighborhoods): Neighborhoods that are safe and attractive and provide essential services are much desired.
- **Home Base** (healthy, safe and diverse housing options) A mix of housing types that meet the needs of a diverse population is important

2. Central-Terry Area Plan

The proposed subdivision is consistent with the following goals of the Central-Terry Area Plan.

- **Housing** - Maintain the residential character of the neighborhood by preserving structurally sound residences along with replacing unsound structures with new housing that is appropriate in design and density.
- **Land Use** - Maintain a residential character. Through the zoning process, develop transitional areas between surrounding commercial and industrial uses and residential areas.

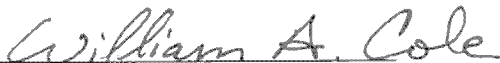
3. 2018 Billings Urban Area Long Range Transportation Plan

The proposed subdivision adheres to the goals and objectives of the 2018 Transportation Plan and preserves the street network and street hierarchy specified in the plan.

4. Billings Area Bikeway and Trail Master Plan (BABTMP)

The proposed subdivision is within the jurisdiction of the Billings Area Bikeways and Trail Master Plan. There is an existing Bikeway along Central Avenue to the north. No additional improvements of this nature are anticipated.

Approved by the Billings City Council, September 23, 2024



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