

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Libby City Planning Board Resolution to Adopt the Draft 2 City of Libby 2022 Growth Policy, a proposed update to the 2010 City of Libby Growth Policy, and to recommend adoption of the proposed Growth Policy by the City of Libby City Council

WHEREAS, the City of Libby adopted the 2010 City of Libby Growth Policy (2010 Growth Policy) on November 1, 2010 as a revision to the 1972 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Libby determined in 2020 that it was necessary to update the 2010 Growth Policy and therefore sought and received a planning grant in 2021 from the Montana Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), which with additional funding sources, resulted in the funding necessary to provide for updates to the 2010 Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, Montana law, Title 76 (Land Resources and Use), Chapter 1 (Planning Boards), Part 6 (Growth Policy) of Montana Code Annotated (MCA) provides for the adoption of City growth policies and requirements for growth policies, with the applicable planning board guiding the development of a growth policy, adopting the growth policy, and recommending the proposed growth policy to the governing body, which is the City of Libby City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Libby City Planning Board has worked with a planning firm to develop the “City of Libby 2022 Growth Policy” (Draft 2) to meet the requirements of Montana law and to guide future growth and development within the City of Libby and surrounding planning area; and

WHEREAS, to date, the update process has followed the procedural requirements for growth policies as outlined by Montana law; and

WHEREAS, to date, the growth policy revision process has followed the revision process guided by the 2010 Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, 76-1-602, MCA requires that prior to the submission of the proposed growth policy to the governing body, the Planning Board shall give notice and hold a public hearing on the growth policy, with notice of the time and place of the hearing published in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdictional area; and

WHEREAS, notices of the October 24, 2022 public hearing were published in October 11 & 14, 2022 editions of The Western News, a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdictional area; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022 the Libby City Planning Board held a public hearing to accept public comment and elicit recommendations and suggestions on the City of Libby 2022 Growth

Policy, Draft 2; the written comments and a summary of the comments received at the public hearing are attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022 after the public hearing, the Libby City Planning Board considered the recommendations and suggestions elicited at the public hearing, and the Planning Board adopted the City of Libby 2022 Growth Policy, Draft 2, subject to the following changes to be considered by the governing body to address the public comments and Planning Board concerns (underlined = additions; ~~strikethrough~~ = delete): and

1. On Page 51 (Public Facilities), change the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows: "In order to accommodate future growth, regular assessment and maintenance of the City's existing capital facilities is required. Necessary improvements to those facilities to maintain the level of service ~~when~~ before accommodating additional users is identified in the City's Capital Improvements Plan along with anticipated funding sources." (as suggested by Lere Busch, 10/24/2022)
2. Add an Action T-h to Table 10 on Page 79 that states "Pursue a transportation plan" to promote Goal T-4 to improve the *safety* of City streets. Importance of the action is to be "1", Timeframe "2", and Partners MDT and Lincoln County (LCo).
3. Add an action to Table 13 on Pages 83 and 84 to "Implement the City's Source Water Protection Plan". Importance of the action is to be "1" and Timeframe "1". (Note: Partners not identified, but addressed in the Source Water Protection Plan.)
4. Add an action to Table 13 on Pages 83 and 84 to "Implement the City's Wildlife Management Plan". Importance of the action is to be "1" and Timeframe "O" (on-going). (Note: Partners not identified, but addressed in the Wildlife Management Plan.)
5. Move Action P-i (As streetlights need replacing, replace with downward directional lights.) to the Natural Resources Goals and Actions Table 13 on Pages 83 and 84 and renumber the tables.
6. Modify Action L-e in Table 12 (Page 82) to state, "Provide for flexible building heights to allow for higher density development if effects on public health and safety, viewshed, and the natural environment are addressed while observing established building height limits."
7. Add an Action P-n to Table 14 on Page 86 to "Support active recruitment of veterinary services." Importance of the action is to be "1", Timeframe "1", and Partners JS, LCo, Ch, FVCC.
8. Add an Action to Table 12 on Page 82 to "Identify areas for higher density development and multi-family housing and consider updating the zoning code accordingly." Importance of the action is to be "1", Timeframe "1". Partners TBD. The action is to be placed as Action L-f, with the subsequent actions renumbered accordingly.

WHEREAS, the City of Libby 2022 Growth Policy, Draft 2, will be submitted to the City of Libby

City Council with this resolution to recommend adoption of the updates to the 2010 Growth Policy as described herein, subject to the above changes recommended by the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Libby City Planning Board as follows:

1. That the Libby City Planning Board hereby adopts the City of Libby 2022 Growth Policy, Draft 2, subject to the above changes recommended by the Planning Board, as updates to the 2010 City of Libby Growth Policy.

AND

2. That the Libby City Planning Board hereby recommends that the City of Libby City Council adopt the updates to the 2010 Growth Policy as described herein, subject to the above changes recommended by the Planning Board, and subject to the requirements of 76-1-604, MCA.

AND

3. Further, the Libby City Planning Board recommends the City Council consider taking on the addition of identifying areas of potential annexation and what infrastructure would be necessary to provide services to the potential areas of annexation.

Passed and approved on October 24, 2022 by the Libby City Planning Board.

Kristin Smith, Chair

Dated, by Chair

Roberta (Bobbi) McCause, Member

Mark Andreasen, Member

Jennifer Nelson, Member

Christine Anderson, Member