

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20304

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE 2011 CITY OF HELENA GROWTH POLICY TO INCLUDE THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN AS THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2011, the Helena City Commission adopted a Growth Policy by Resolution No. 19828, referred to as the "2011 Growth Policy;" and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13 of the 2011 City of Helena Growth Policy states neighborhood plans that use the information from the adopted Growth Policy and encourage public participation should be developed in order to further identify community needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the "Downtown Master Plan" was developed by the City of Helena, MBAC, and the Helena Business Improvement District (HBID); and

WHEREAS, §76-1-601(4)(a) and (b), MCA, contains the provisions and criteria to allow neighborhood plans as part of a Growth Policy and §76-1-603, MCA, outlines the procedures for adopting or amending a Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Helena Downtown Business Improvement District held a series of public charrettes, meetings, and stakeholder interviews, and the City of Helena-Lewis and Clark County Consolidated Planning Board held two work sessions, the first on

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April 19 and the second on May 17, 2016, to discuss the Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this proposed amendment was held by the City of Helena-Lewis and Clark County Consolidated Planning Board on June 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, said Planning Board recommended that the 2011 Growth Policy be amended to include the Downtown Helena Master Plan as the Downtown Neighborhood Plan; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Helena that the 2011 Growth Policy be amended in accordance with §§76-1-601(4)(a) and (b), and 76-1-603, MCA, to include the Downtown Master Plan as the Downtown Neighborhood Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is the intention of the Helena City Commission, pursuant to §§76-1-601(4)(a) and (b) and 76-1-603, MCA, to amend the 2011 City of Helena Growth Policy to include the Downtown Master Plan as the Downtown Neighborhood Plan for the area indicated in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

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Section 2. A public hearing on this resolution shall be held before the Helena City Commission in its chambers at 316 North Park Avenue in Helena, Montana, on **October 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

/S/ JAMES E. SMITH _____
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS _____
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION