



NEWS ADVISORY

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Design Excellence Standards Ready for Final Public Review

Open Houses Set for Tuesday, Oct. 16

The City of Missoula invites news media and the public to two open houses next Tuesday to learn about and comment on proposed zoning overlays for downtown Missoula and the city's commercial corridors. The overlays create new architectural and site design standards for non-residential and multi-dwelling development.

City planners have been working on the Design Excellence Project for almost two years at the request of citizens and City Council members who felt that some recent development projects in Missoula did not express Missoula's sense of place and identity or reflect its character. Working with a consultant team from urban planning specialists Winter & Co., planners created a new set of architectural design standards in the overlay districts. The new system is aimed at promoting high-quality design that fits with the desired characteristics for the unique locations within the community. The standards address building placement, site design, building form and materials.

For complete information on the project, including maps and associated zoning code amendments, visit www.missouladesignexcellence.org on the City website. The open houses will feature maps and summary information for public review. Planning staff members will be on hand to answer questions.

The open houses will be held:

- Tuesday, Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine St.
- Tuesday, Oct. 16, 5 – 7 p.m. at the public meeting room at the Salvation Army, 355 S. Russell St.

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