



NEWS ADVISORY

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Our Missoula Community Growth Policy Workshops Coming Up in December

The City of Missoula is hosting three Community Growth Policy Workshops during the first and second weeks of December to launch the update to the Growth Policy as part of the [Our Missoula: Growth Policy Update and Code Reform](#) project. Since the City's current Growth Policy, [Our Missoula 2035](#), was adopted in 2015, more pressing issues have emerged, including social, cultural and racial inequities, housing shortages and rising housing costs and the worsening effects of climate change.

These workshops will help the City confirm how well the current Growth Policy captures our community values and if we need to update our vision accordingly. The City wants to learn what its residents think and what questions they have and want to get them involved in the update. This workshop will be held at three different times to provide multiple opportunities to engage:

- **Dec. 4, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.** – Goodworks Place, 129 W. Alder St.
- **Dec. 6, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.** – Home Arts Building at the Missoula County Fairgrounds
- **Dec. 13, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** – Missoula Public Library, 4th Floor

These interactive events will feature brief presentations from City staff, facilitated small group discussions and individual activities to hear comments from the community. Residents can expect to learn about the process of land use and development in Missoula and how policy shapes that process. The Our Missoula: Growth Policy Update and Code Reform Project will update our community's vision for future growth and change our development regulations to reflect that collective vision. More information about upcoming events will be available on the [Events](#) page.

Engagement throughout the summer and fall focused on the findings of the Equity in Land Use Report as part of Phase 2 of the Our Missoula Code Reform project, which is

dedicated to defining the problem. Staff hosted presentations, small discussions and table talks in partnership with Common Good Missoula. We learned from residents about their lived experiences in relation to equity, housing affordability, displacement and gentrification. The upcoming community workshops will expand on these conversations to continue defining what residents value and prioritize in their neighborhoods now and in the future.

Priorities for future growth are captured in the city's Growth Policy, which defines strategies to address goals and challenges related to land use over the course of 20 years. While many of the priorities of the current Growth Policy remain relevant, the Our Missoula process will provide an opportunity to refocus the Growth Policy as needed to better address these emergent issues and reflect our current priorities as a community.

Visit <https://www.engagemissoula.com/our-missoula> for more information about the Our Missoula project and to stay in touch and get involved.

If anyone attending the meeting anticipates needing special assistance, please provide 48 hours advance notice by calling 406-552-6221.

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