

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Inter-Neighborhood Council

**FROM:** Alison Sweeny, INC Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Delay voting on UDC draft until January

**MEETING DATE:**

October 9, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:**

Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider the Motion: I move to have INC write a letter recommending that the City Commission delay their vote to approve the UDC update until January.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

1.2 Community Engagement: Broaden and deepen engagement of the community in city government, innovating methods for inviting input from the community and stakeholders.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Bozeman began working on a complete replacement of its Unified Development Code (UDC) in 2021. A draft was released in the fall of 2023, and residents pushed back on many of the proposed changes. The update was paused, and new community engagement resumed in 2024. A second DRAFT of the UDC has been released this fall and the City Commission is currently reviewing it with the goal of adoption by the end of 2025.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:**

40% of the City Commission members are currently appointed rather than elected. Voters will elect new members to the City Commission this fall. By January 2026 all members of the City Commission will be elected by voters.

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**FISCAL EFFECTS:**

None

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