

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Bozeman Historic Preservation Advisory Board

FROM: Chris Saunders, Community Development Manager
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SUBJECT: Consider a Recommendation to City Commission Regarding Interim Zoning

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Decide whether to send a letter to City Commission asking them to hold a public hearing and consider adopting an interim zoning ordinance

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: At the March 31, 2026, public meeting the Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) voted to add an action item to the April agenda to consider sending a recommendation to City Commission regarding interim zoning. The issue was previously discussed by the Inter-Neighborhood Council at their March 12, 2026, meeting. Visit the [City's Meeting Videos web page](#) to view a recording of the INC discussion and access links to associated materials.

The City's Community Development Manager will be present to share information about state and local regulations related to adoption of interim zoning. The Montana Land Use Planning Act discusses interim zoning ordinances at [76-25-307, Montana Code Annotated](#).

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: City Commission has not brought interim zoning forward for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES: Continue implementing the recently revised Unified Development Code and the existing NCOD design guidelines that have been in place since 2006, until amendments currently in progress are adopted.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None at this time, however there may be future fiscal effects if an interim zoning ordinance is adopted by City Commission.

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