

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Community Development Board

FROM: Chris Saunders, Community Development Manager
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SUBJECT: Update to Community Development Board on 2025 Montana Legislative Session

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Community Development - Legislative

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information

STRATEGIC PLAN: 7.3 Best Practices, Creativity & Foresight: Utilize best practices, innovative approaches, and constantly anticipate new directions and changes relevant to the governance of the City. Be also adaptable and flexible with an outward focus on the customer and an external understanding of the issues as others may see them.

BACKGROUND: The City conducts land use planning and regulation within the framework established by the state. In 2023, the Montana Legislature made many changes in laws we must address. That trend is continuing in this 2025 session. As the Board is aware, the City is working to update the Unified Development Code. This work is, in part, to implement the changes the state made in 2023. Staff will provide a quick overview of ongoing legislation that may impact the UDC update.

The Legislature's website is <https://www.legmt.gov/> [External Link].

The State provides a tool, [Bill Explorer](#) [External link] to enable people to view the text of bills, track their status, identify a bill sponsor, and see other relevant information.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None, this is an information item only.

ALTERNATIVES: Not applicable.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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