

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Study Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Decisions on Neighborhood Associations

**MEETING DATE:**

April 24, 2026

Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

After discussion and learning sessions on Neighborhood Associations, the Study Commission will make decisions on these topics. Study Commissioners Cestero and Franks will present proposed language around neighborhood associations for potential draft report language.

1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

Reference Materials are attached.  
["Summary - Other City Charters"](#) created by Study Commissioners referenced for easy access on the previous research done on Montana City Charters.

Mandatory Reading and Materials regarding Neighborhood Associations from 4/2 (all attached):

- Recommended INC Charter Language
- Suggestions for Strengthening Interneighborhood Council
- Side by Side Comparison of Bozeman
- Neighborhood Association
- FY 2024 Montana County Elected Official (EO) Salary Survey Results (Taylor)

Suggested Reading (links provided by Taylor):

- American Review of Public Admin 2019
- CO Law Review 2008
- Extending Research of Neighborhood Governance Systems
- Neighborhood Organizations in Civic Governance
- Missoula Neighborhood Councils Assessment Plan
- [Eugene Charter](#)
- [Eugene City Council Committee Assignments](#)

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**BACKGROUND:**

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:**

- [Eugene Boards and Commissions](#)
- [Seattle Charter](#)
- [Seattle "A New Chapter for the Department of Neighborhoods"](#)
- [Seattle Grants and Funding Category](#)
- [Santa Fe New Mexico City Website](#)
- [Santa Fe Charter](#)
- [Santa Fe Boards, Commissions and Committees](#)

None Identified

**ALTERNATIVES:**

As per the Study Commission

**FISCAL EFFECTS:**

None Identified

**Attachments:**

- [Recommended INC Charter Language.pdf](#)
- [Suggestions for Strengthening Inter 4.2.26.pdf](#)
- [Side By Side Comparison of Bozeman 4.2.26.pdf](#)
- [Neighborhood Associations 3.9.26.pdf](#)
- [FY 2024 Montana County Elected Official \(EO\) Salary Survey Results.pdf](#)
- [American Review of Pubic Admin 2019 Effec Neighborhood Assoc.pdf](#)
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