

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Inter-Neighborhood Council

FROM: Alison Sweeney, INC Secretary

SUBJECT: Vote to recommend suggested charter language regarding neighborhoods to the Bozeman City Government Study Commission for their consideration for inclusion in a possible future city charter.

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: I move to approve the suggested charter language regarding neighborhoods, presented by the subcommittee, to be sent to the Bozeman City Government Study Commission as a recommendation for inclusion in a possible future city charter.

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: Bozeman has voted to examine its form of government. The Study Commission that we elected to research our current form and possibly propose a new form has asked for the INC's input on what would strengthen the neighborhoods program in a possible future charter.

The Study Commission will propose a new charter (or other form of government) next spring and Bozeman voters will have the opportunity in November of 2026 to adopt this new proposed form of government, or not.

Therefore the INC has been asked to deliver their recommendations by the end of 2025.

At the October INC meeting, representatives appointed Beth Boyson, Mark Campanelli, and Alison Sweeney to carry out this work. At the November meeting recommendations were discussed and the subcommittee subsequently drafted suggested charter language for further review by INC members. Since this vote will be an administrative act for INC, rather than a representative one on behalf of individual neighborhoods, all members of the body are allowed to vote regardless of their individual neighborhood association by-laws.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: None

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

Attachments:

[Bozeman Charter Suggested Language for Neighborhoods.pdf](#)

Report compiled on: December 5, 2025