

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Special Presentation on the Release of the Unified Development Code Update and Upcoming Public Review Process

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Community Development - Legislative

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.2 High Quality Urban Approach: Continue to support high-quality planning, ranging from building design to neighborhood layouts, while pursuing urban approaches to issues such as multimodal transportation, infill, density, connected trails and parks, and walkable neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND: The City released the updated draft of Chapter 38, Unified Development Code, for public review on Sept 20th. This updated draft text and map were updated based on months of public input, five City Commission worksessions, and changed state laws.

The City began the code update process in 2022. A website, [Engage Bozeman](#) [external link] contains public input results, information on the project, and materials from public meetings and engagement throughout the project; as well as the updated draft and map.

The new draft text and map are available for public review. Summaries of changes from the prior draft text and map are included on the website.

This presentation will show where to find the new materials, go over some highlights of the changes, and outline the upcoming review process.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None, no decision required with this item.

ALTERNATIVES: None, no decision required with this item.

FISCAL EFFECTS: All funds for this project were previously budgeted.

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