

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-009

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MISSOULA COUNTY HOUSING ACTION PLAN: BREAKING GROUND AS AN ISSUE PLAN OF THE MISSOULA COUNTY GROWTH POLICY

WHEREAS, the Missoula County governing body should be guided by and give consideration to this issue plan and its recommendations regarding housing affordability as it pertains to the Missoula County Growth Policy and additional adopted plans, policies, standards, and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, MCA 76-1-604 authorizes Missoula County to adopt or revise a growth policy, or any of its parts; and,

WHEREAS, Missoula County adopted the 2016 Missoula County Growth Policy on July 13, 2016, and has adopted updates thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, issue plans provide detailed analyses and policy guidance on specific issues identified in the growth policy; and,

WHEREAS, issue plans should conform to the growth policy; and,

WHEREAS, the Missoula County Housing Action Plan: Breaking Ground was drafted through a public planning process led by Missoula County and guided by a steering committee composed of individuals representing private and nonprofit developers, city of Missoula staff, and other community stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, the Missoula County Housing Action Plan: Breaking Ground was evaluated through an outreach process that engaged stakeholders and the public in considering goals and recommended actions to improve the supply of housing units, home prices, rental vacancy rates, coordination among housing providers, and access to services; and

WHEREAS, the plan establishes three goals and a series of actions to address each of these goals:

1. Use the County's toolkit to increase housing production
2. Support programs and funding to help county residents afford housing; and
3. Build implementation capacity through strong partnerships among the County, City and housing providers; and,

WHEREAS, after public notice in the Missoulian, a newspaper of general circulation on November 26, November 28, and December 5, 2021, the Missoula County Housing Action Plan: Breaking Ground was considered by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board at a public hearing on December 7, 2021, during which the Planning Board reviewed the plan for conformity with the Missoula County Growth Policy and considered recommending that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners adopt the Missoula County Housing Action Plan: Breaking Ground as an Issue Plan of the 2016 Missoula County Growth Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board made a finding that the plan conforms to the Missoula County Growth Policy and unanimously resolved to recommend that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners adopt the Missoula County Housing Action Plan: Breaking Ground as an issue plan of the Missoula County Growth Policy, based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law outlined in the staff report; and,

WHEREAS, after public notice in the Missoulian, a newspaper of general circulation on January 2 and January 9, 2022, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on January 13, 2022, to collect public testimony and consider the recommendation of the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board; and,

WHEREAS, after considering the record, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2022-03, a Resolution of Intent to Adopt the Missoula County Housing Action Plan: Breaking Ground as an issue plan of the Missoula County Growth Policy, as recommended by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED after consideration at a public meeting on February 10, 2022, that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts this Resolution to Adopt the Missoula County Housing Action Plan: Breaking Ground, as an issue plan of the Missoula County Growth Policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

ATTEST:

Tyler Gernant

Tyler Gernant, Clerk and Recorder

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