

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-80**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE 2020  
CITY OF LAUREL GROWTH POLICY CREATING A THIRTY (30) DAY  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

WHEREAS, the City Council tasked the Planning Board with the preparation of an updated Growth Policy for City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board approved an action plan incorporating public input and an approximate timeline for the adoption of an updated Growth Policy for City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board conducted a series of public meetings, surveys and outreach to encourage public participation in the preparation of the updated Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered several strategies and policies that could be adopted by the City Council to implement the updated Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board encouraged both written and verbal testimony on issues and items of concern related to the future growth and development expected to occur during the life of the new Updated Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Growth Policy update addresses all the statutory components of a Growth Policy found in §76-1-601 MCA to the extent acceptable to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board conducted a public hearing on the Growth Policy update on October 21, 2020. Additionally, the Planning Board, by Resolution Number 20-01, currently recommends the adoption of the updated Growth Policy and Implementation Strategy by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel continues to work cooperatively with Yellowstone County through their Planning Board on planning, subdivision, and land use related issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish and maintain up to date growth management regulations including but not limited to Zoning Regulations, Design and Development Standards, Subdivision, and Floodplain Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City is statutorily required to examine and update the Growth Policy on a time frame not to exceed five (5) calendar years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide persons who may be affected by the adoption of the Growth Policy update ample opportunity for involvement in the adoption process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on November 24, 2020, regarding the Growth Policy update; and

WHEREAS, §76-1-604 of the Montana Code Annotated provides the process for the adoption, revision, or rejection of a growth policy by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby adopts this Resolution of Intent and formally opens a public comment period for thirty (30) calendar days during which persons may comment upon the Growth Policy update. The comment period will expire upon December 24, 2020. Further, notice of the passage of this Resolution of Intent shall be published in a newspaper of record not less than twice during the comment period.

Persons who desire to comment on the Growth Policy update shall submit comments in written form to:

City of Laurel  
GROWTH POLICY UPDATE COMMENTS  
115 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 10  
Laurel MT 59044


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the closure of the comment period the City Council will consider adopting with revisions, or rejecting the Updated Growth Policy prepared by the Planning Board at a subsequent council meeting.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on November 24, 2020, by Council Member Sparks.


PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

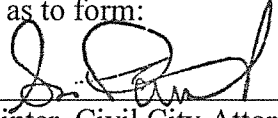
CITY OF LAUREL

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

  
Sam S. Painter, Civil City Attorney