



NEWS ADVISORY

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CITY TO RELEASE DRAFT ZONING DESIGN STANDARDS AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

**Public Invited to Comment at Final Design Excellence Community Workshop
on March 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel**

City of Missoula planners and consultants from Winter & Co. will present newly drafted zoning design standards and guidelines for development in Missoula's main commercial corridors and Downtown at a community workshop at the DoubleTree Hotel on Tuesday, March 20, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Winter & Co. will give a brief presentation followed by an open house for community members to review and comment on the potential new regulations.

The proposed changes follow a year-long public engagement process that responds to the community's request for building design standards and guidelines that will help preserve and enhance the character of Missoula.

Zoning overlays may be applied in specific areas as a tool to manage the proposed design standards and guidelines. These areas generally include commercial districts within the Downtown, Hip Strip, Brooks Street, Reserve Street, West and East Broadway, as well as portions of South Avenue, Russell Street, Third Street, Orange Street, Southwest Higgins Avenue and Mount Avenue.

The proposed Corridor Overlay Design Standards, Downtown Overlay Standards, Design Excellence Manual (describing design guidelines) and other information about the Missoula Design Excellence Project are available online. Visit www.missouladesignexcellence.org to learn more.

The Missoula Design Excellence project is in its final stage. Public comment is critical to help refine regulations and provide additional detail before review by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board

and consideration by the City Council for adoption. The Missoula City Council will hold a public hearing on this item this spring.

Public comments will be collected at the community workshop on March 20. The community can also submit comments by e-mail to design@ci.missoula.mt.us, by the comment form on the City website or in writing to City of Missoula, Development Services, 435 Ryman St., Missoula, MT, 59802.

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