

COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AMONG

THE CITY OF MISSOULA

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA AND THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

This memorandum of understanding is made among the City of Missoula, The University of Montana and the Associated Students of The University of Montana for the purpose of working collaboratively on issues affecting the quality of life in our community and improving the lives of all Missoula residents through thoughtful, meaningful processes, policies and investment.

The City and University partners will concentrate their collaboration in four areas: increasing the inventory of quality, affordable housing for students; improving existing rental stock through basic regulation of residential rental property; improving neighborhoods across the city through a well-staffed quality-of-life program; and improving transportation and parking options for all citizens.

Further, the City and the University will commit to a joint, long-term planning process for facilities and infrastructure of mutual interest.

Specifically, the University and the City, through this memorandum, establish the following goals:

- 1. Work with the development community and all appropriate partners to break ground on 1,000 units of safe, affordable housing appropriate for students and proximate to the University and downtown Missoula. Newly constructed units will be open and rented within two years of the date of this memorandum.*
- 2. Work with the Missoula City Council, the Montana Legislature and the private sector to establish regulatory authority over residential rental property with an emphasis on safety, code enforcement, education and neighborhood courtesy. This authority will be established within a year of the date of this memorandum.*
- 3. Work together to expand the City's existing quality-of-life program, ASUM's Neighborhood Ambassador Program and the University's community outreach and Public Safety. This includes expanding the City's existing quality-of-life program to include more officers and civilians, including University Police and ASUM neighborhood ambassadors, engaged in educating and enforcing code around such issues as speeding, under-age drinking at parties, parking, littering, animal welfare, parks-and-trails patrols, neighbor-to-neighbor relations, noise and more.*
- 4. Establish alternatives to parking on valuable community real estate for students and residents who use cars infrequently. This includes committing to an examination of park-and-ride facilities and equipment serving the University and downtown Missoula, with an emphasis on providing quiet, quick, reliable transportation from parking facilities to education and employment centers, and to establishing a car-share program.*
- 5. Seek proposals for a long-term planning process to address future housing and transportation needs for the University and the City. This includes engaging in an extensive public process to establish a plan to address those future needs in an effective manner.*

To move forward on these goals, the partners in this agreement will establish an advisory committee with membership representing the City, the University, ASUM and community stakeholders. The committee will meet as needed and will commit to a quarterly public forum to give an update on MOU-related progress.

This memorandum is written to provide considerable flexibility in moving forward and does not bind either party to a financial commitment, though execution of the goals presented in this document will require investment. This memorandum is symbolic of the commitment of the parties to work together to meet these goals and address lingering challenges in our community in the spirit of cooperation.

This memorandum formally acknowledges that the City of Missoula and The University of Montana are critical, inextricable institutions and share a responsibility for the long-term success of each other and the people we serve.

Signed this 10th Day of December, 2012.

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