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AREA OF CITY IMPACT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the Area of Impact?

A: The Area of City Impact (AOI) is a geographical area where a City is expected to grow into and annex at some future time. Idaho Code requires all Cities to define an AOI with their respective Counties. Besides defining the geographical area for future growth, the AOI also includes an Agreement between a City and County about which plans, policies, and development standards will apply in the area. The AOI provides a way for Cities, Counties, utility providers, transportation providers, and other public entities to plan together for how to handle future growth.

Q: If I own property within the Area of City Impact, what does that mean for me?

A: For most properties, there is no direct impact. The only direct impact on properties within the Area of City Impact are on those properties not yet annexed into the City where new development is proposed. If a property is located in the County, it is still under County jurisdiction. Even within the AOI, the City has no jurisdiction over property unless it has been annexed. However, if a property in the County and in the AOI wishes to develop, it must follow the standards agreed upon in the AOI Ordinance.

Q: If my property is in the Area of City Impact, does that mean it is part of the City of Blackfoot?

A: No. As noted above, the City of Blackfoot only has jurisdiction over properties which have been annexed. If a property is in the County, only County has jurisdiction.

Q: What the proposed changes to the boundaries?

A: None. The boundaries as defined in the current 2002 Area of City Impact Agreement will remain the same.

Q: Was this proposal made with community comment or input?

A: The proposal was generated by City and County Staff. The forum to which public input, comment, and/or testimony can be received by a governing body is via a Public Hearing. The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing and may make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners based upon the proposal, input/testimony received, and their own discussion and deliberations. The Planning & Zoning Commission may also chose to direct County Staff to make modifications and conduct additional Public Hearing(s) based upon a those modifications or subsequent proposals. The Planning & Zoning Commission may also deny the proposal.

Q: How can I voice my opinion about the proposal?

A: A Public Hearing with the Planning & Zoning Commission will be held on May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. All persons interested are invited to attend said Public Hearing shall have the opportunity to be heard and may give testimony in favor, neutral, or in opposition of said proposed Agreement. According to Bingham County Code Section 10-3-6(7), no more than two pages of written testimony will be accepted less than eight calendar days before a hearing. Written testimony may submitted via email, mail, or in person at the Planning & Zoning Department. Written testimony may also be submitted and read into the record at the Public Hearing.

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