



**Agenda Item: Agreement - Intergovernment**

**Title: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, WYOMING, AND THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING FOR COLLABORATIVE AND COORDINATED GROWTH MANAGEMENT THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT GROWTH AREA AGREEMENT**

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

Move to **Approve** Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Albany, Wyoming, and the City of Laramie, Wyoming for Collaborative and Coordinated Growth Management Through Establishment of a Joint Growth Area Agreement and Authorization of Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget to Support this Effort, and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign.

**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

**Adopted Goal #E.2.** -- *Governing Bodies Will Create and Adopt a Joint Agreement for Development Within the Rural/Urban Interface High-Priority Growth Area, Inclusive of Infrastructure, Wastewater Management and Economic Growth. Subcommittee Members: Assistant City Manager, Chief Operating Officer, Public Works Director, Planning Manager, and Councilors Harrington, Weaver, Stalder*

**Background:**

The MOU establishes the parameters of intergovernmental collaboration necessary to advertise for and enter into a contract for qualified professional services to:

Complete a review of the growth area boundaries as currently established within City and County Comprehensive Plans, and consider modifications to the defined boundaries as may be necessary to differentiate preferred, high priority growth areas in the rural-urban interface, based upon:

- a. characteristics of the lands,
- b. proximity to infrastructure and governmental services,
- c. the need for orderly economic growth of the local economy and predictability for land developers and businesses,
- d. cost-effective use of limited City and County governmental resources,
- e. the life, health and safety of City and County residents, and
- f. differences in statutory authority between City and County.

Provide policy recommendations for coordinated and collaborative management of the entire defined growth area, with specific, targeted recommendations as may be needed to regulate growth in both high-priority and low-priority growth areas, and

Review existing City and County statutory authority, ordinances, regulations and procedures, and provide professional recommendations for modifications, changes, or additions as may be necessary to affect coordinated regulations by the City and County.

- Present a joint City-County growth area management agreement for consideration
- a and adoption by the Governing Bodies.

The County will administer the professional services contract and submit invoices to the City for reimbursement/payment within forty-five days. Once the MOU is approved, the Intergovernmental

Committee will work with staff to review and finalize a Request for Qualifications by October 11<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the advertisement period, a Review Committee will select the most qualified proposal/proposer with whom the County will enter into a contract for professional services by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both the City and County governing bodies will memorialize the hiring of the consultant by approval of an Amendment to the MOU in December as well.

The current estimated cost of the project is not to exceed \$300,000 to be split equally by City and County. The City has not yet budgeted its share of \$150,000 and approval of this item will also amend the budget to fund the project. The MOU sets forth an aspirational goal for the City and County to complete the professional work in the Summer of 2022.

**BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:**

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Funds</u>
City's Cost	\$150,000	\$050,000 County / \$150,000 City
Total Project Cost	\$300,000.00	

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**Responsible Staff:**  
City Manager, x5226

Attached: MOU