



NOTICE of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing

On Monday, June 1st, the Deer Lodge City Council during its regular meeting will accept comments regarding the City's upcoming City Hall Improvement project with specific discussion related to the Historic Preservation Grant submitted to the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) in February, 2020 and environmental assessment findings. The Council session will start at 6 PM in the Community Center, 416 Cottonwood Avenue, Deer Lodge, Montana, 59722.

The application prepared for the Historic Preservation Grant on behalf of the City of Deer Lodge is a state action, subject to the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). As required by the MEPA and DOC regulations, the City of Deer Lodge has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the draft EA for public review and comments as well as the date and time of a Public Hearing regarding the proposed project.

The proposed action generally consists of the replacement, stabilization, and repair of exterior elements to the Deer Lodge City Hall, and preparation of a Preliminary Architectural Report to plan for future renovations that will restore the building to its historical significance while renovating the space for improved access and usability for City staff and the public. Copies of the draft EA are available for review at the office of the City of Deer Lodge Clerk, 300 Main Street, Deer Lodge, Montana, and the document is posted on the City's website www.deerlodgcity.com under the Community Plans Tab. The City of Deer Lodge will consider all substantive comments received in response to the draft EA.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity—and are encouraged—to ask questions and express their opinions regarding this proposed project and its environmental impacts. For further information, contact Brian Bender, City of Deer Lodge City Administrative Officer at 300 Main Street, Deer Lodge, Montana, 59722, phone: (406) 846-2238, email: bbender@cityofdeerlodgcity.gov. Comments may be presented orally at the City Council session or submitted in writing to attention City Clerk, City of Deer Lodge, 300 Main Street, Deer Lodge, Montana, 59722 before 4 PM on June 1, 2020.

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