



**Work Session Meeting Agenda**  
**2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, MT**  
**Gibson Room, Civic Center**  
**August 17, 2021**  
**5:30 PM**

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Public participation is welcome in the following ways:

- Attend in person. Please refrain from attending in person if you are not feeling well.
- Provide public comments via email. Comments may be sent via email before 12:00 PM on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, to: [commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net). Include the agenda item or agenda item number in the subject line, and include the name of the commenter and either an address or whether the commenter is a city resident. Written communication received by that time will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate City staff and will be so noted in the official record of the meeting.
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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(Public comment on agenda items or any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the City Commission. Please keep your remarks to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Speak into the microphone, and state your name and either your address or whether you are a city resident for the record.)*

## **WORK SESSION ITEMS**

1. Miscellaneous Ordinance Updates - Jeff Hindoién.
2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding - Melissa Kinzler, Greg Doyon, Kirsten Myre and Tom Hazen.

## **DISCUSSION POTENTIAL UPCOMING WORK SESSION TOPICS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*City Commission Work Sessions are televised on cable channel 190 and streamed live at <https://greatfallsmt.net>. Work Session meetings are re-aired on cable channel 190 the following Thursday morning at 10 a.m. and the following Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m.*

*Wi-Fi is available during the meetings for viewing of the online meeting documents.*

## **UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE**

Work Session -- Tuesday September 7, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Commission Meeting -- Tuesday September 7, 2021 7:00 p.m.

# MISCELLANEOUS ORDINANCE UPDATES

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 17, 2021

JEFF HINDOIEN, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

## PURPOSE

- Updates to City Code
  - Compliance with new legislation
  - Public input for changes
  - Departments' needs for enforcement

## PROPOSED UPDATES

- Weapons
  - OCCGF 9.8.020
- Social Host
  - OCCGF Title 9, Chapter 10
- Fire Suppression Inspections, Testing, Maintenance and Records
  - OCCGF 15.9.050 and 15.9.060
- False Alarms
  - OCCGF Title 5
- Appeals of Street Openings/Excavation Denials
  - OCCGF Title 12.4.030

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## PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

- Weapons - OCCGF 9.8.020
  - Reason for proposed change – significant changes in firearms regulations
    - Legislative Referendum 130 in the November 2020 general election
    - 2021 Legislature House Bill 102
  - 9.8.020 modeled after now outdated language

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## PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- Subsection (A) of OCCGF 9.8.020 conforms the City's existing weapons ordinance to new statutory changes
  - restrictions on the carrying of unpermitted concealed weapons and unconcealed weapons; and
  - the application restrictions only in a publicly owned and occupied building.
    - i.e., a local government may no longer impose carry restrictions at public assemblies, parks or schools

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## PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- Subsection (B) of OCCGF 9.8.020 implements HB102
  - Authorizes the City to prohibit even permitted concealed carry in secure areas of the law enforcement facilities it owns and operates.
  - Any restrictions in a courtroom and courthouse areas must be imposed pursuant to an order of a judge.
    - Judge Bolstad has indicated that he will issue a *Standing Order* for the Civic Center

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## PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- Subsection (C) of OCCGF 9.8.020
  - Authorizes the City Manager
    - to direct and implement screening measures and
    - deny entry to City facilities by those not legally authorized to carry a weapon in City facilities

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## PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- Subsection (D) of OCCGF 9.8.020
  - Identifies relevant statutory exceptions to concealed carry restrictions
  - As set forth in § 45-8-317

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## PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

- Social Host - OCCGF Title 9, Chapter 10
  - Reason for proposed change – significant changes in marijuana laws
    - Initiative I-130 in the November 2020 general election
    - 2021 Legislature House Bill 701
  - **GFPD**
    - Valuable enforcement tool
    - Deterrent to underage parties with consumption of illegal substances by minors

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## PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- Current Social Host code applies only to alcohol
  - Proposed amendments to broaden application to illegal substances
- **NEW PROVISIONS to existing OCCGF Title 9 Social Host regulations:**
  - Add marijuana and marijuana-containing products
  - Add other impairing or intoxicating substances

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## PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

- Fire Suppression Inspections, Testing, Maintenance and Records - OCCGF 15.9.050 and 15.9.060
  - Reason for proposed change – GFFR issues
    - Deficient systems in need of repair
    - Service providers not obtaining City licensure
    - Notification of work performed on systems
  - **GFFR recently contracted outside reporting partner**
    - Increasing ease, frequency and consistency of reporting

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## PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- **Records of system inspections will be**
  - Made by qualified persons
  - Consistent with International Fire Code; and
  - Records will be maintained on premises for three years.
- **Reporting of inspections timelines**
  - No deficiencies
  - Deficiencies
  - Critical issues
  - FINES to be set by Commission Resolution
- **Enforcement mechanisms enhanced**

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## PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

- **False Alarms - OCCGF Title 5**
  - Reason for proposed change – significant time expended by GFFR in responding to false alarms
  - **Code allows for GFPD enforcement**
    - Valuable enforcement tool

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## PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- **Broadens Title 5, Article 6**
  - From unauthorized entries only to also fire or hazardous conditions
  - From responses by GFPD to also GFFR and ambulance services
  
- **Enforcement mechanisms enhanced**

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## PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

### ➤ Appeals of Street Openings/Excavation Denials – OCCGF 12.4.030

- Reason for proposed change
  - Consistency in appeals process
  - Appeals to Board of Appeals versus City Commission

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QUESTIONS?

Ordinance 3234 Exhibit "A"

Title 9 – PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE

**Chapter 8 WEAPONS**

**Sections:**

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**9.8.020 Prohibiting and suppressing the possession of weapons.**

A. The carrying of **unpermitted** concealed **weapons** or **the carrying of** unconcealed weapons **to a publicly owned and occupied building under the City's jurisdiction** (~~MCA 45-2-101(76)~~), and as such statute may hereafter be amended) to, on, or at a public assembly, publicly owned building, park under City jurisdiction, or school is hereby prohibited.

B. ~~Exceptions are as otherwise provided by MCA 45-8-351(2)(b) which allows for display of firearms at shows or other public occasions by collectors and others, and MCA 45-8-317 which states what persons are allowed to carry weapons, and as such statutes may hereafter be amended.~~ **The law enforcement facilities owned and operated by the City are secure areas and the carrying of any weapon (permitted concealed, unpermitted concealed or unconcealed) in those facilities is hereby prohibited.**

C. **Screening for weapons at City buildings is permissible and the City Manager may determine the circumstances where screening is required and may establish standards for such screening. The City may, in its discretion of its employees or officials acting in their official capacity, deny entrance to a City building by a person who is in violation of Subsections (A) or (B) above. The City may require a person to present proof of a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon in a City building, and a refusal to provide proof of a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon is a basis for denying entrance to the City building with the concealed weapon.**

D. **The provisions of subsections (A) and (B) do not apply to:**

1. **Any peace officer of the State of Montana;**
2. **Any officer of the United States government authorized to carry a concealed weapon;**
3. **Any member of the armed services or reserve forces of the United States or National Guard, while in the performance of their official duties;**
4. **A probation or parole officer authorized to carry a firearm under § 46-23-1002;**
5. **An agent of the Montana Department of Justice;**
6. **A person authorized by the Chief of Police to carry or possess an unconcealed firearm on City property;**

Ordinance 3234 Exhibit "A"

Title 9 – PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE

- 7. Persons authorized by the City Manager for trainings, education courses, or other events such as gun shows that are approved to occur in City facilities.**

(Ord 3234, 2021; Ord. 3158, 2017; Ord. 2732, 1997).

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## Ordinance 3235 Exhibit "A"

### Title 9 - PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE Chapter 10 SOCIAL HOST

## Chapter 10 SOCIAL HOST

### Sections:

#### 9.10.010 Purpose, findings.

The Commission finds **that** consumption of alcoholic beverages, **marijuana (as defined by Montana Code Annotated), marijuana-containing products or other impairing or intoxicating substances**, by minors at parties, or gatherings where minors consume, **use alcoholic beverages or ingest these substances**, presents numerous problems for the City of Great Falls, Montana, minors, and law enforcement. Specifically:

- A. ~~Alcohol~~ **Substance use and/or** abuse is linked to numerous other health and life issues for our youth, including, but certainly not limited to, sexual assault, unprotected sexual activity, teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, physical assault, and academic difficulties.
- B. The Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, further finds and declares that the purpose of the ordinance is:
  1. to protect public health, safety, and general welfare;
  2. to enforce laws prohibiting the consumption of **prohibited substances** ~~alcohol~~ by minors;
  3. to reduce the cost of providing police services to parties, gatherings, or events that call for a response by requiring that social hosts ensure minors are not consuming ~~alcoholic beverages~~ **prohibited substances**; and, under Montana Code Annotated §§ 7-1-4123 and 7-1-4124, the Great Falls City Commission has the legislative power, subject to the provisions of state law, to adopt, amend, and repeal ordinances and resolutions required to:
    - i. preserve the peace and order and secure freedom from dangerous and noxious activities; and,
    - ii. secure and promote the general public health and welfare.
- C. Further, MCA 7-32-4302 provides, in pertinent part, that the City of Great Falls has the power to prevent and punish intoxication, loud noises, disorderly conduct, and acts or conduct calculated to disturb the public peace or which are offensive to public morals within its limits.

(Ord. 3235, 2021; Ord. 3158, 2017; Ord. No. 3044, 2009)

#### 9.10.020 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "Alcohol" is defined by 9.4.010(A).
- B. "Alcoholic Beverage" is defined by 9.4.010(B).
- C. "Beer" means a malt alcoholic beverage meeting the definition provided in 9.4.010(D).
- D. "Gathering" means a party or event where a group of three (3) of more persons has assembled or is assembling for a social occasion or social activity.
- E. "Hard Cider" means an alcoholic beverage meeting the definition provided in 9.4.010(E).
- F. "Liquor" means an alcoholic beverage meeting the definition provided in 9.4.010(F).

- G. "Malt Beverage" means an alcoholic beverage meeting the definition provided in 9.4.010(C).
- H. "Wine" means an alcoholic beverage meeting the definition provided in 9.4.010(K).
- I. "City" means the area within the incorporated city boundaries of the City of Great Falls.
- J. "Person" means any individual, business association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity and an individual acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of a joint-stock company, unincorporated association or society, corporation, or other entity of any character whatsoever as defined in MCA 45-2-101 and 27-8-104.
- K. "Premises" means any home, yard, farm, field, land, apartment, condominium, hotel or motel room, or other dwelling unit, hall or meeting room, park, pavilion, or any other place of assembly, public or private, whether occupied on a temporary or permanent basis, whether occupied as a dwelling or specifically for a party, gathering, or other social function, and whether owned, leased, rented, or used with or without permission or compensation.
- L. "Social Host" means any person who conducts, allows, organizes, supervises, controls, permits or aids another in conducting, allowing, organizing, supervising, controlling, or permitting a party, event, or gathering of any number of individuals. The term shall include, but is not limited to the following:
1. Any person or persons who own, rent, lease, or otherwise control the premises where an event, a gathering, activity, or party takes place;
  2. The person or persons in charge of or responsible for the premises; or
  3. The person or persons who organized the activity, event, gathering, or party.
    - i. The term shall not include a property owner, or parent, who does not have knowledge that the activity, event, gathering, or party, whether or not the activity, event, gathering, or party was permitted or allowed, would result in an underage person being in possession of or consuming an alcoholic beverage **a prohibited substance**.
- M. "Underage Person" means any person less than twenty-one (21) years of age.
- N. "Emergency Responders" means law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, and any other person having emergency response duties.
- O. "Enforcement Services or Response Costs" means the monetary cost of salaries and benefits of emergency responders for the amount of time spent responding to, or remaining at, a gathering, or other administrative costs attributable to the gathering; the costs for medical treatment for any injured emergency responder; and the costs of repairing any damage to emergency responder equipment or vehicles; and/or the cost of use of such equipment or vehicle.
- P. **"Marijuana" has the meaning provided in MCA 16-12-102.**
- Q. **"Prohibited Substance" means any alcohol, marijuana, marijuana-containing, or other intoxicating or impairing substance, which is consumed, ingested, smoked, or otherwise used by a minor in violation of Montana law.**
- R. **"Consumed" or "consumption" means any form of use, including ingestion, smoking, injection, or other means of receiving the benefit of a prohibited substance.**

(Ord. 3235, 2021; Ord. 3158, 2017; Ord. No. 3044, 2009)

### 9.10.030 Prohibited acts.

- A. A person violates this chapter when, as a social host, a person knows or reasonably should have known, that an underage person is in possession of, is consuming, or has consumed, ~~an alcoholic beverage~~ **a prohibited substance** on a premises within the City, and fails to take reasonable steps, including but not limited to,

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notifying law enforcement to prevent the ~~alcohol~~ **prohibited substance** consumption or possession by the underage person. The social host does not have to be present or on the premises at the time the prohibited act occurs.

- B. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede the prohibitions or exceptions set forth in 16-6-305, MCA.

(Ord. 3235, 2021; Ord. 3158, 2017; Ord. No. 3044, 2009)

#### 9.10.040 Penalties.

- A. A person convicted of violating this Chapter shall be guilty of a criminal misdemeanor punishable by:
1. A fine not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), plus court costs.
  2. A second or subsequent offense lifetime, shall be punishable by a fine not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), plus court costs, and imprisonment for a period of not more than six (6) months.
  3. If at the time of the offense one (1) or more underage persons found to have been in possession of or consumed ~~an alcoholic beverage~~ **a prohibited substance** was sixteen (16) years of age or younger, the conviction shall be punishable by imprisonment of not less than five (5) days and not more than six (6) months, which may not be served on home arrest.
- B. Notwithstanding the penalties listed above, a person convicted of violating this Chapter shall be responsible for reimbursing the cost of enforcement services, or the response costs to the agencies furnishing emergency responders. Any claims for restitution, including, but not limited to, those for enforcement services or response costs, must be filed with the Court within ninety (90) days of a conviction under this chapter.
- C. Prosecution and any sentence for a violation of this Chapter may not be deferred.

(Ord. 3235, 2021; Ord. 3158, 2017; 3044, 2009)

## Title 5

# BUSINESS LICENSES, PERMITS, AND SAFETY INSPECTION CERTIFICATES

### Chapter

#### 5.1.010 Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this Title shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Buildings or Offices" shall mean all buildings, structures, rooms, offices, or portions thereof which are situated on a permanent structural foundation and permanently connected to City water and sewer service wherein a business or organization is located and which may be accessible to the public, employees, or members or located in such close proximity to other buildings, structures, rooms, offices, or portions thereof so as to constitute a public threat in the event of a Uniform Safety Code violation.
- B. "Business" shall mean any occupation, trade, profession, commercial activity, social activity, fraternal activity, or religious activity located or meeting regularly in buildings or offices, including multi-family dwelling units of four (4) or more units, together with all devices, machines, vehicles and appurtenances used therein. This includes sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, nonprofit corporations, religious organizations, social organizations and fraternal organizations.
- C. Unless specifically identified, in this Title, the term, "Certificate" shall include safety inspection certificates, home occupation certificates, or any other certificates or permits issued by the City of Great Falls' Planning and Community Development or Fire Rescue Departments.
- D. "Home Occupation" means a lawful business carried on by a resident of a dwelling as an accessory use within the same dwelling or an accessory building, which will not infringe upon the rights of neighboring residents to enjoy the peaceful occupancy of their homes.
- E. "Home Occupation Certificate" is a certificate, license, or permit issued by the Planning and Community Development Department under the terms and conditions of 5.2.020—5.2.040.
- F. "Non-Resident Vendor" is any person engaged or employed in the business of selling to consumers by going from consumer to consumer, either on the streets or to their places of residence or employment, and soliciting, selling, or taking orders for future delivery of any goods, wares, or merchandise.
  - 1. This definition applies to persons vending food or other merchandise from pushcarts, vehicles, trailers, or other readily mobile sources to customers within the City limits.
  - 2. This all-inclusive definition applies to vendors coming into Great Falls to provide any type of service (e.g. painters, contractors, tree trimmers, computer technicians, etc.), to residents within the City limits.
- G. "Nonprofit organization" is any group which does not distribute pecuniary gains, profits or dividends to its members, and/or for which pecuniary gain is not the objective of the organization. For the purposes of this Title, a nonprofit organization need not be recognized as tax exempt by the United States Internal Revenue Service and the Montana Department of Revenue.
- H. "Permanent Premises" means any buildings or structures, or any part of any buildings or structures, situated on a permanent structural foundation that meet the engineering requirements in the Uniform Building Code and are permanently connected to City water and sewer service. This definition excludes all accessory structures not intended to be occupied by employees and/or the public.

## Ordinance 3233 Exhibit "A"

- I. "Person" is meant to include individual natural persons, partnerships, joint ventures, societies, associations, clubs, trustees, trusts, or corporations; or any officers, agents, employees, or representatives thereof, in any capacity, acting either for him or herself, or for any other person, under designation, appointment, or otherwise pursuant to law.
- J. "Premises" means any office, property, retail space, structure or portion thereof occupied for business use, the facilities and appurtenances in the structure, and the grounds, areas and facilities held out for the use of business.
- K. "Safety Inspection Certificate" is a certificate for a business, or occupation, at a specific premises acknowledging inspection for Uniform Safety Codes, or other ordinances and regulations, enacted for the purpose of protecting health, safety, and welfare of the public. The certificate is not intended, and shall not be used, to regulate or infringe upon the conduct of a business or profession and is not intended, and shall not be used, to regulate, infringe or prohibit the practice of religion or religious beliefs.
- L. "Property Manager" means a "person" who rents or leases rental units, including but not limited to, multi-family dwellings, excluding hotels or motels.
- M. "Square footage" is the total number of square feet contained within the exterior walls of a building, suite, office, or premises used in, or available for, the business operation.
- N. "Temporary premises" means any buildings, structure, vehicles, or other mobile structures temporarily occupied for business which are without a foundation and permanent connection to City water and sewer service. A temporary premises can exist for no more than ninety (90) calendar days in any twelve-month period. Temporary premises do not include sales booths, concession stands etc., which are operated in conjunction with a community sponsored event which is authorized by the City.
- O. "Non-Resident Merchant" means any person who brings into temporary premises, a stock of goods, wares or articles of merchandise or notions or other articles of trade, and who solicits, sells, offers to sell, or exhibits for sale, such stock of goods, wares, articles of merchandise, notions, or other articles of trade.
- P. "Year" for specific Special Business Licenses and Safety Inspection Certificate purposes, means a period of time of twelve (12) months commencing each year on January 1 and ending December 31 of the same year.
- Q. "Non-Resident Service Contractor" is any person, not residing within the City limits of Great Falls, engaged or employed in the business of providing services for hire. This includes persons engaged in contract construction, painting and drywall, landscape installation and maintenance, janitorial, and service contractors of all kinds including computer technicians and copier maintenance.
- R. "Uniform Safety Codes" as used herein, shall mean the most recent version of the International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Property Maintenance Code, in whole or in part, which have been adopted by the City of Great Falls and referenced in OCCGF Titles 15, 16 and Title 17.
- S. **"Alarm Agent License" is issued by Planning and Community Development to a person, business, occupation, or other entity engaged in selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, or installing any alarm system or causing to be sold, leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved, or installed any alarm system in, or on, any building, structure, or facility.**

(Ord. 3233, 2021; Ord. 3168, 2017).



Title 5 - BUSINESS LICENSES, PERMITS, AND SAFETY INSPECTION CERTIFICATES  
Chapter 3 - SPECIAL BUSINESS AND CONSTRUCTION LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND PERMITS  
Article 6 FALSE ALARMS

## **Article 6 ~~FALSE ALARMS AND ALARM SYSTEMS~~**

### Sections:

#### 5.3.6.010 Definitions.

Unless otherwise specified, the following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Alarm agent" means any person who is directly or indirectly employed by an alarm business, whose duties include any of the following: selling, maintaining, leasing, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving or installing **any alarm system** on or in any building, structure or facility, ~~any alarm system~~.
- B. "Alarm business" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity engaged in selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, or installing any alarm system or causing to be sold, leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved, or installed any alarm system in, or on, any building, structure, or facility.
- C. "Alarm system" means any mechanical or electrical device which is designed, or used for:
  - i. the detection of an unauthorized entry into **or fire or hazardous condition within** a building, structure, or facility; ~~and/or for~~
  - ii. alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act within a building, structure, or facility, ~~or both;~~

and which emits a sound or transmits a signal or message when actuated. Devices that are not designed or used to register alarms that are audible, visible or perceptible outside of the protected building, structure, or facility are not included within this definition, nor are auxiliary devices installed by a telephone or telecommunication company to protect company systems which might be damaged or disrupted by the use of an alarm system. Alarm systems include, but are not limited to:

  - 1. direct dial telephone devices; and
  - 2. audible alarms and proprietor alarms.
- D. "Audible alarm" means a device designed for the detection of unauthorized entry, **fire or hazardous conditions** on premises which generates an audible sound on the premises when it is actuated.
- E. "False alarm" means an **erroneous, incorrect, or mistaken** alarm signal actuated by inadvertence, negligence, or unintentional act necessitating response by the **public safety personnel, including but not limited to** Great Falls Police Department, **Great Falls Fire Rescue, and/or ambulance services**, including alarms caused by the malfunction of the alarm system, except the following:
  - 1. alarms caused by repair of telephone or communication equipment or lines;
  - 2. alarms caused by earthquakes, flood, windstorm, thunder, and lightning;
  - 3. alarms caused by an attempted illegal entry or analogous causes of which there is visible evidence; and
  - 4. alarms caused by power outages.
- F. "Proprietor alarm" means an alarm which is not serviced by an alarm business.

- G. "Subscriber" means any person who purchases, leases, contracts for, or otherwise obtains an alarm system or for the servicing maintenance of an alarm system from an alarm business.

(Ord. **\*\*\*, 2021**; Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.020 Audible alarm requirements.**

- A. Every person maintaining an audible alarm shall notify the Police Department **and/or Great Falls Fire Rescue** with names and telephone numbers of the persons to be notified to render repairs of service, and secure the premises, during any hour of the day or night that the alarm is actuated.
- B. Whenever any change occurs relating to the required written information, the applicant shall give written notice thereof to the Great Falls Police Department **and/or Great Falls Fire Rescue** of such change.

(Ord. **\*\*\*, 2021**; Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.030 Alarm Agent ~~permit~~ license required.**

- A. All persons engaged in alarm business to repair, service, alter, replace, remove, design, sell, lease, maintain, or install alarm systems, shall obtain an Alarm Agent ~~permit~~ **license from Planning and Community Development** in accordance with the provisions of this title.
- B. The Alarm Agent ~~licensee~~ ~~permittee~~ shall have in their possession an Alarm Agent ~~license~~ ~~permit~~ while engaged in alarm related business or activities.

(Ord. **\*\*\*, 2021**; Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.040 Exemptions.**

- A. The provisions of this chapter are not applicable to audible alarms affixed to automobiles.
- B. The provisions of this chapter do not include a person who engages in the manufacture for sale of an alarm system from a fixed location, and who neither visits the location where the alarm system is to be installed nor designs the scheme for physical location and installation of the alarm system in a specific location.

(Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.050 Penalty.**

- A. Knowingly activating a false alarm when no unauthorized entry, fire or hazardous conditions exist is a violation of the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. 45-7-204, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.**
- B. Where an alarm system actuates the following number of false alarms in any calendar year, the business or system owner will be ~~charged~~ **addressed** as follows:
  - A. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ~~i.~~ False Alarms one (1) through ~~two three (23)~~; written notice to **the owner, licensee, and/or other person responsible for the premises will be provided;**
  - ~~€.~~ ~~ii.~~ A ~~third fourth~~ or subsequent false alarm in a calendar year shall result in an assessed administrative fee of ~~one hundred fifty~~ **(\$10050.00) imposed on the owner, licensee, and/or other person responsible for the premises.**

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- C. Any fee under this article that remains unpaid for 30 days or more after the imposition of the fee, is delinquent and may be assessed against the premises as a special charge for current service or, in addition to any penalties listed in this Chapter, the City may refer any outstanding fees, pursuant to this Chapter, to collections by a collection agency authorized to conduct business in Montana.
  - D. This penalty section shall not be applicable to:
    - i. alarm systems installed in buildings owned or occupied by the City of Great Falls; or
    - ii. residential fire alarms in one or two-family dwellings.

(Ord. \*\*\*, 2021; Ord. 3168, 2017).

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## Ordinance 3233 Exhibit "B"

**Article 6 ~~FALSE-ALARMS AND ALARM SYSTEMS~~****Sections:****5.3.6.010 Definitions.**

Unless otherwise specified, the following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Alarm agent" means any person who is directly or indirectly employed by an alarm business, whose duties include any of the following: selling, maintaining, leasing, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving or installing **any alarm system** on or in any building, structure or facility, ~~any alarm system~~.
- B. "Alarm business" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity engaged in selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, or installing any alarm system or causing to be sold, leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved, or installed any alarm system in, or on, any building, structure, or facility.
- C. "Alarm system" means any mechanical or electrical device which is designed, or used for:
- i. the detection of an unauthorized entry into **or fire or hazardous condition within** a building, structure, or facility; ~~and/or for~~
  - ii. alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act within a building, structure, or facility, ~~or both;~~
- and which emits a sound or transmits a signal or message when actuated. Devices that are not designed or used to register alarms that are audible, visible or perceptible outside of the protected building, structure, or facility are not included within this definition, nor are auxiliary devices installed by a telephone or telecommunication company to protect company systems which might be damaged or disrupted by the use of an alarm system. Alarm systems include, but are not limited to:
1. direct dial telephone devices; and
  2. audible alarms and proprietor alarms.
- D. "Audible alarm" means a device designed for the detection of unauthorized entry, **fire or hazardous conditions** on premises which generates an audible sound on the premises when it is actuated.
- E. "False alarm" means an **erroneous, incorrect, or mistaken** alarm signal actuated by inadvertence, negligence, or unintentional act necessitating response by the **public safety personnel, including but not limited to** Great Falls Police Department, **Great Falls Fire Rescue, and/or ambulance services**, including alarms caused by the malfunction of the alarm system, except the following:
1. alarms caused by repair of telephone or communication equipment or lines;
  2. alarms caused by earthquakes, flood, windstorm, thunder, and lightning;
  3. alarms caused by an attempted illegal entry or analogous causes of which there is visible evidence; and
  4. alarms caused by power outages.
- F. "Proprietor alarm" means an alarm which is not serviced by an alarm business.
- G. "Subscriber" means any person who purchases, leases, contracts for, or otherwise obtains an alarm system or for the servicing maintenance of an alarm system from an alarm business.

(Ord. 3233, 2021; Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.020 Audible alarm requirements.**

- A. Every person maintaining an audible alarm shall notify the Police Department **and/or Great Falls Fire Rescue** with names and telephone numbers of the persons to be notified to render repairs of service, and secure the premises, during any hour of the day or night that the alarm is actuated.
- B. Whenever any change occurs relating to the required written information, the applicant shall give written notice thereof to the Great Falls Police Department **and/or Great Falls Fire Rescue** of such change.

(Ord. 3233, 2021; Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.030 Alarm Agent ~~permit~~ license required.**

- A. All persons engaged in alarm business to repair, service, alter, replace, remove, design, sell, lease, maintain, or install alarm systems, shall obtain an Alarm Agent ~~permit~~ **license from Planning and Community Development** in accordance with the provisions of this title.
- B. The Alarm Agent ~~licensee~~ **licensee** shall have in their possession an Alarm Agent ~~license~~ **license** while engaged in alarm related business or activities.

(Ord. 3233, 2021; Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.040 Exemptions.**

- A. The provisions of this chapter are not applicable to audible alarms affixed to automobiles.
- B. The provisions of this chapter do not include a person who engages in the manufacture for sale of an alarm system from a fixed location, and who neither visits the location where the alarm system is to be installed nor designs the scheme for physical location and installation of the alarm system in a specific location.

(Ord. 3168, 2017).

**5.3.6.050 Penalty.**

- A. Knowingly activating a false alarm when no unauthorized entry, fire or hazardous conditions exist is a violation of the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. 45-7-204, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.**
- B. Where an alarm system actuates the following number of false alarms in any calendar year, the business or system owner will be ~~charged~~ **addressed** as follows:
  - A. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ **i. False Alarms one (1) through ~~two three (23)~~ **two three (23)**; written notice to **the owner, licensee, and/or other person responsible for the premises will be provided;****
  - ~~€~~ **ii. A ~~third fourth~~ **third fourth** or subsequent false alarm in a calendar year shall result in an assessed administrative fee of ~~one hundred fifty~~ **one hundred fifty** dollars (~~\$10050.00~~ **\$10050.00**) imposed on the owner, licensee, and/or other person responsible for the premises.**
- C. Any fee under this article that remains unpaid for 30 days or more after the imposition of the fee, is delinquent and may be assessed against the premises as a special charge for current service or, in**

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**addition to any penalties listed in this Chapter, the City may refer any outstanding fees, pursuant to this Chapter, to collections by a collection agency authorized to conduct business in Montana.**

**D. This penalty section shall not be applicable to:**

- i. alarm systems installed in buildings owned or occupied by the City of Great Falls; or**
- ii. residential fire alarms in one or two-family dwellings.**

**(Ord. 3233, 2021; Ord. 3168, 2017).**

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Ordinance 3237 Exhibit "A":  
**TITLE 15 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION**

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**Chapter 9 – FIRE CODE**

**15.9.050 Inspection, Testing, Maintenance and Records.**

- A. All system inspections, tests and maintenance that are required by applicable IFC standards shall be performed by qualified individuals who are licensed to perform work in the City of Great Falls and written resulting reports shall be maintained on the premises for a minimum of three years.
- B. All inspection, testing and maintenance reports shall be submitted to the City's online reporting vendor within the following time frame:
  - 1. No deficiencies found: within 10 days of the date the inspection took place;
  - 2. Deficiencies found: within 7 days of the date the inspection took place; or
  - 3. Critical issues found: Immediately, along with immediate notification to the Fire Marshal.
- C. Inspections, tests and maintenance that do not comply with the provisions in this Chapter shall result in the inspected or serviced system being not compliant with the provisions of this Chapter.
- D. Non-compliance with this Chapter will be addressed as set forth in 15.9.060 and/or by Title 5, Chapter 2, Safety Inspections.

(Ord. 3237, 2021).

**15.9.0560 Violation—penalty.**

- A. Unless otherwise specified in this Chapter, any person who violates **or fails to comply with** any of the provisions of the IFC as adopted, **or any of the provisions of this Chapter**, ~~or fails to comply therewith~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed six (6) months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.
- B. A property that contains a violation of the IFC, or any other violation of this Chapter, is hereby declared a Nuisance as defined by OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.

(Ord. 3237, 2021; Ord. 3189, 2018).

Ordinance 3236 Exhibit "A"  
Title 12 – Streets, Sidewalks, Trees, and Shrubbery

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## Chapter 4 - EXCAVATIONS

### 12.4.030 Application—refusal—issuance.

- A. The Planning and Community Development (P&CD) Director or designee may, in his or her discretion, grant or refuse to grant such application. Justification for refusal includes, but is not limited to, the applicant's outstanding debt or obligation to the City.
- B. The refusal of the director may be appealed, in writing, to the **Board of Appeals as established under OCCGF 2.9.010** ~~City Manager's office~~ within fifteen (15) calendar days of the director's refusal. ~~If the City Manager or designee affirms the refusal, the applicant may appeal the decision in writing to the City Commission within fifteen (15) calendar days of the City Manager's affirmation.~~
- C. If the application is granted, ~~whether by the P&CD Director, the City Manager, or the City Commission,~~ the applicant shall accomplish the proposed work within the time allowed by the Public Works Director and under the director's supervision.
- D. All excavation shall be conducted in accordance with rules, regulations and specifications on file in the Department of Public Works.
- E. All excavation shall be thoroughly backfilled, and any such excavation or opening shall be restored to the condition it was prior to such excavation or opening, or better, except that the City will replace all asphaltic surfacing in paved streets, with costs to be paid by the applicant, unless the Public Works Director or designee authorizes the applicant to replace the asphaltic surfacing.
- F. Flowable fill shall be used to backfill trench excavation on arterial and collector streets and when deemed necessary by the Street Division Supervisor or designee on local streets and alleys.
- G. Flowable fill shall be used to cap street openings during the winter and whenever hot mix asphaltic surfacing is not available. The surface shall be maintained, by the permittee, until hot mix asphaltic surfacing becomes available.

(Ord. 3236, 2021; Ord. 3170, 2018)



# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING



August 17, 2021

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## American Rescue Plan Funding

- Final allocation amount is \$19,472,737
  - 50% already received in May 2021 - \$9,736,368.50
  - 50% to be received in May 2022 - \$9,736,368.50
  - Must be obligated by 12/31/2024 and expended by 12/31/2026
- Abundance of Guidelines, rigidly formed
  - Interim Final Rule
  - FAQ's
  - Reporting Requirements
  - Webinars
- Conservative interpretation because of threat of claw back

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## Eligible Use 1 of 4. Responding to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts

- For expense to be eligible, a recipient must:
  1. Identify a need or negative impact of the pandemic; and
    - Definition of a negative economic impact: **an economic harm resulting from or exacerbated by the public health emergency.**
  2. Identify how program will respond to or address the issue.
- The more directly a program responds to the current COVID-19 pandemic or acts to prevent future health emergencies the more likely to be found eligible.

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## Eligible Use 1 of 4. (continued) Responding to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts.

- Eligible uses include, but not limited to:
  - COVID response and prevention
  - Investing in Tourism, Travel, and Hospitality Industries
  - Improvement of Design/Execution of Public Health Programs
  - Public health and safety staff to the extent time is spent mitigating or responding to the health emergency
  - Assistance to unemployed workers, small businesses, non-profits, households, and impacted industries
  - Building stronger communities through investments in housing and neighborhoods
  - Emphasis placed on mental health, substance abuse, behavioral issues, crime intervention practices
- Encouraged to focus on low income and those disproportionately impacted by COVID

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## Eligible Use 2 of 4. To provide premium pay to essential workers

- Definition of essential work: **not performed while working from home and involves regular in-person interactions with patients, the public, or coworkers or regular handling of items handled by patients, the public, or coworkers**
- Including, but not limited to:
  - Nursing homes, hospitals, home-care, food production, grocery stores, restaurants, sanitation, truck drivers, childcare, educators, social services
- Encouraged to prioritize lower income workers

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## Eligible Use 3 of 4. To provide government services to the extent of government's revenue losses

- Total city-wide general revenue
  - Not on a fund-by-fund basis
  - Utility revenue not included
- According to formula in the guidance, the City did not have any revenue loss through December 31, 2020
  - Revenue loss can be recalculated annually until December 31, 2023

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## Eligible Use 4 of 4. To make necessary water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure improvements

- Water and sewer projects align with EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
  - Storm water is included
  - Same projects would be eligible under HB 632
- Broadband infrastructure to supply to underserved areas and low income with symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload.
  - Great Falls is currently attracting a surge in Internet Service Provider (ISP) attention and activity. Private party installations are anticipated to provide faster access than the goals stated in the Interim Rule.

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## Explicitly Ineligible Uses of ARPA Funds

- States may not use ARPA funding to offset a reduction in net tax revenue
  - Law does not explicitly grant eligibility to local governments
- No recipient may make a deposit to a pension fund
- Cannot be used to payoff debt
- Cannot be used to pay legal settlements
- Usage as matching funds depends on the language of the other grant.

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## Initial Prioritization by City Staff

- Over 140 total project proposals received from all City Departments.
- Numerous rounds of review and discussion occurred following release of new guidance and reporting requirements.
- Many projects requested by Departments removed for ineligibility.
  - Majority of programs were determined to be ineligible due to indirect relationship to a need or negative impact of the COVI-19 pandemic.
- Conservative approach yet \$111 million in requests still listed

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## Suggested Guiding Principles for Use of Funds

- Funds are non-recurring so use should be applied primarily to non-recurring expenditures
- Pay direct expenses related to COVID response
- Funding use recognizes the impact to residents, families, and businesses
- Helps meet future requirements
- Special or unique opportunities
- Meets Commission priorities
- Prepares for future pandemic response and public safety
- Leverage community partners with existing programs to execute new programs – technical assistance
- Process will be public and transparent

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## Next Steps

- Commission discussion on prioritization

**Eligible ARPA Projects - Departmental Requests - as of August 12, 2021**

Department	Ranking by Department	Item	Rationale	Timeline	Estimate Cost Provided by Department	Running Total		ARPA Funds		Eligibility Applicable Section and Reasoning
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Admin - Communications	Comm #1	City-Wide Strategic Communications and Engagement Plan Development and Implementation (Contracted Services)	<p>The pandemic brought to light the importance of effective, timely communications. Targeted communications encourages meaningful participation and builds trust. A formal evaluation will identify the City's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The results of the evaluation will be used to develop a comprehensive communications/ engagement plan that will increase awareness, increase engagement, improve access, establish transparency, and reinforce credibility.</p> <p>-Range in price is due to options regarding depth/scope of the review and "deliverables". Deliverables may include crisis communication plan, development of electronic/print materials, contracted media services, and rebranding of city logo. Temporary part time person to assist with Neighborhood Councils while Communication Specialist focuses on plan development/implimentation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write and advertise RFP- <b>30 days after award of funds</b>;</li> <li>• RFP Submission timeline - <b>30 days following deadline</b>;</li> <li>• Proposal Review and Selcion</li> <li>• Commision approval and contract awarded - in concert with Commision meeting schedule.</li> <li>• Communication Plan design - planning to begin immediately following Commision approval.</li> </ul>	\$50,000 to 100,000 plus \$25,000 for temporary staff person	\$125,000	\$125,000	<p><b>\$19.47m</b> Beginning Balance</p> <p>\$19,345,000</p>	0.64%	<p>Mitigation and prevention efforts may include "public health communication efforts" and "enhancements of public health data systems; and other public health responses"(p.26790). Further, "goverments may use funds to engage in planning and anlysis in order to improve programs addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, including through use of targeted consumer outreach, improvements to data or technology infrastructure, impact evaluations, and data analysis" (p.26791).</p> <p>As described, the Development and Implementation of a Communication and Engagement Plan would be eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act ('ARPA'). A crisis communication plan, distributable materials, and contractcted media services are "enhancements" that would increase the City's ability to effectively communicate in response to the current health emergency. These assets would increase rapid and effective distribution of municipal policies and services related to the COVID-19 pandemic to the community. Additionally, an evaluation allows the City to identify potential weaknesses and strengths that may impact future outreach efforts that may be directed at mitigating or preventing future emergencies.</p>
	Comm #2	AV equipment	AV equipment will provide tools that can be utilized across all departments for enhanced communications.	Equipment to be purchased and in use <b>within 60 days of award.</b>	\$5,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$19,340,000	0.03%	<p>One note, the "deliverables" referenced in the Department's description should be limited to only those that can be utilized in addressing the pandemic. For example, the rebranding of the City logo does not impact or increase the City's ability to respond to the pandemic.</p>

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Admin - Events	Events #3	Theater Seating	Replace historic seating in theater. Seats are mechanically fatigued. Seats are too small for today's population. Space between seats make it difficult for people to pass in front of those seated. New seating plan would allow for more leg space, wider seats, ADA accommodations, and increased acces to exits.	Events is planning to complete all major construction and renovation <b>Projects during Summer 2023</b> in order to avoid conflicts with the Symphony and other "booked" commitments. Events will use the intervening time to solicit and review bids for engineering, architectural, or contractor services related to the project.	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$780,000	\$18,690,000	3.34%	<p>1. A recipient may make capital investments in public buildings to meet pandemic operational needs using ARPA funds. Investments that may be tied to COVID-19 mitigation will be considered eligible. Ventilation system improvements are specifically mentioned (p.26790).</p> <p>2. Further, ARPA explicitly recognizes that the tourism industry was "disproportionately and negatively impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency" (p.26795). Aid provided to facilitate the safe resumption of tourism, travel, or hospitality industries is an eligible expense of relief funds. The Recipient may also provide aid for a planned expansion or upgrade of tourism, travel, and hospitality facilities delayed due to the pandemic (Rule p.26795).</p> <p>3. Finally, financial assistance provided to business districts and business attractions will be considered responsive to the COVID-19 Pandemic (p.26795).</p> <p>The Mansfield Theater and Convention Center ('Mansfield') is located in the Great Falls Civic Center. The Civic Center is the hub of municipal government and opened to the public. The building is also a focal point of the Downtown Great Falls business district.</p> <p>The Mansfield is a major tourism attraction that is host to high profile events (i.e symphony, Ice Breaker, CMR auction, etc.) that draw dollars and visitors to the downtown area.</p> <p>Projects targeting the safe reopening and operation of the facilities were prioritized. Improved seating will increase seperation and aid in infection mitigation. Ventilation improvements will increase safety at congregate events. Restroom renovation will also allow for improved barrier installation and other hygenic improvements.</p> <p>The cieling project was identified as a long standing priority that could be classified as delayed due to the pandemic. (Mansfield should provide timeline of plans to address the needs listed here that were in place prior to the pandemic and how the pandemic impacted/delayed those plans).</p>
	Events #4	Theater Ceiling	Restore ceiling in theater's audience chamber. Ceiling is the original 1940 install. Many ceiling tiles are loose and some have fallen (some due to water damage, some due to age).		\$400,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,180,000	\$18,290,000	2.05%	
	Events #6	Convention Center Restrooms	Remodel bathroom facilities in Convention Center. Change out stools to wall hung toilets to save on janitorial time. Update wall coverings, stalls, and countertops. Restore/repair concrete floor.		\$100,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,280,000	\$18,190,000	0.51%	
	Events #19	Convention Center HVAC	Replace HVAC system in Convention Center. One half of the current HVAC system no longer works and is not equipped with climate control.		\$400,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,680,000	\$17,790,000	2.05%	
	Events #24	Convention Center Kitchen Ventilation	Install Ventilation source (window/fan). The kitchen has no source of ventillation or cooling at present.		\$5,000	\$1,555,000	\$1,685,000	\$17,785,000	0.03%	
	Events #28	Convention Center Commercial Dishwasher	Install a large capacity restaurant style commercial grade dishwasher. This upgrade was specifically suggested by a 3rd party.	Washer to be purchased and installed by the <b>end of Q1 2022.</b>	\$20,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,705,000	\$17,765,000	0.10%	



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Admin - IT & Mapping	IT #3	Network Threat Monitoring	Security services are available that are built to monitor networks and mitigate threats. These services are not cheap but are less expensive than adding a top end Security FTE.	IT has already identified a service provider. Network Monitoring will begin once contract is approved and signed. <b>Likely within 30 days.</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$1,855,000	\$17,615,000	0.77%	<p>1."Consistent with the CWSRF and DWSRF, Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used for cybersecurity needs to protect water or sewer infrastructure, such as developing effective cybersecurity practices and measures at drinking water systems and publicly owned treatment works." Interim Final Rule p. 26803.</p> <p>IT projects related to improving the security and effectiveness of the City computer network are considered eligible expenses. The Network Threat Monitoring system was identified as an effective of monitoring the integrity of the Great Falls network without the addition of a very high-priced FTE. Replacement of the Juniper switches has several benefits. First, the newer Juniper devices offer a higher level of security than the old devices. Additionally, the devices provide more official digital communication which will allow key departments to evaluate and respond to crisis situations (including pandemic related events) quicker.</p>
	IT #6	Upgrade Existing switches to Juniper	Upgrade all remaining switches to Juniper in order to gain security features and ability to support one platform/OS.	Timeline - IT has already replaced several Juniper switches. All replacements would be completed by <b>12-31-2021.</b>	\$60,000	\$210,000	\$1,915,000	\$17,555,000	0.31%	
Fire Department	Elements of Fire #2	HVAC	Replacement HVAC system for each fire station (280,000 per station estimate)	Timeline preparation in progress	\$1,120,000	\$1,040,000	\$3,035,000	\$16,435,000	1.34%	<p>As stated above, a recipient may use funds to make capital improvements to public buildings related to the mitigation of COVID-19. These investments may include upgrading ventilation systems, installation of barriers, and increasing social distancing.</p> <p>Eligible Fire Department projects are those that can be characterized as responses to the COVID-19. Projects at Stations 1 through 4 that targeted increased social distancing, ventilation improvement through HVAC replacement, and increasing sanitation were selected.</p> <p>Purchase of an Ambulance can be clearly identified as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic as a medical response unit.</p>
		Washer/Dryer	Replace/Upgrade Washer/dryer for each station. (\$15k per station estimate provided based upon similar requests from other depts.)	Timeline preparation in progress	\$60,000	\$1,100,000	\$3,095,000	\$16,375,000	1.34%	
		Bathroom/Locker room remodel	Remodel Bathroom/locker room facilities in each station. (\$100k per station estimate)	Timeline preparation in progress	\$400,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,495,000	\$15,975,000	1.34%	
		Dormitory Remodel	Remodel Dormitory areas in each station to provide social distancing and separation while sleeping (based on Construction Contingency estimate provided - \$75k per station).	Timeline preparation in progress	\$300,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,795,000	\$15,675,000	1.34%	
	Fire #4	New Ambulance	Purchase a new ambulance fully equipped to meet the ever-increasing needs of transport in our community and allow for our current ambulance to be serviced and put into a reserve status.	Timeline preparation in progress	\$275,000	\$2,075,000	\$4,070,000	\$15,400,000	1.41%	

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PW-Environmental	7	Regional hydrodynamic separators for water quality	Improve storm water quality within the MS4 to protect Missouri and Sun River water quality and bolster regulatory compliance.	Design, bid, build by Q4 2023	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$4,270,000	\$15,200,000	1.03%	<p>ARPA recognizes the role of clean drinking water in protecting public health and, therefore, provides a significant amount of discretion in using relief funds for programs related to the development of Water and Sewer Infrastructure. Generally, projects that are compliant with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund ('CWSRF') and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ('DWSRF') are going to be eligible expenditures under ARPA. Viable projects under the CWSRF construction, improvement, and repair of wastewater treatment plants. Pollution control, creation of green infrastructure, and protection of waterbodies are also valid expenses (p.26802).</p> <p>DWSRF funds programs that make capital improvements to community water infrastructural systems (may include replacement of failing systems).</p> <p>Funds may also be used to facilitate reuse and/or to treat stormwater or drainage water (p.26803).</p>
PW -Waterplant	2	Extend Utilities to Growth Area 4	Extend water and sewer to the area of 33rd Ave S and 23rd St South and pions further south in accordance with master plan documents.	Unknown, we would need to begin project scoping immediately. Depending on project could maybe have design, bid build done by Q1 2026	\$10,000,000	\$117,200,000	\$121,270,000	\$0	51.36%	
	4	Solids Management Process Upgrade	Will eliminte inefficient treatment processes and handling of same material up to 3 times in the summer and will help ensure and improve Arsenic regulatory compliance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the winter.	We just finished scoring proposals for an RFP we put out and will bring consultant selection to the Commission for Engineer and Construction management services September 7, 2021. <b>Anticipated completion desing bid build Q2 2024.</b>	\$17,000,000	\$17,200,000	\$21,270,000	\$0	87.31%	
PW - Wastewater Treatment Plan	8	Lift Station 1 Sanitary Sewer Crossing	Provide a redundand river crossing from downtown to the wastewater treatment plant for untreated sanitary sewer waste. Whereby significantly reducing risk of environmental impact due to potential failure of existing single crossing and the regulatory enforcement that would accompany such a situation.	We have an engineer on-board and just finished feasibility and technology selection. We will be proceeding with design this fall and anticipate design, bid and construction to commence by Q3 2022. <b>And completion Q3 or 4 2023.</b>	\$8,000,000	\$25,200,000	\$29,270,000	\$0	41.09%	
	10	Solids Management Process Upgrade	Biosolids disoposal costs have escalated steeply in the last 2 years and are expected to continue to do so. This project could position the City to potentially reuse biosolids as compost, fertilizer, and\or at minimum will reduce cost for biosolids disposal significantly thru additional treatment and drying.	We have been working Veolia to develop a proforma for a design-build as an addendum to their Wastewater treatment plant operation and maintenance contract. <b>This project could potentially be designed and constructed by Q2 2025.</b>	\$17,000,000	\$42,200,000	\$46,270,000	\$0	87.31%	
	11	Nutrient Treatment Upgrades Wastewater Plant	Senate Bill 358 adopted during the 2021 legislature requires discharger to formulate and adopt an Adaptive Management Plan to reduce and eliminate discharges of nutrients to Montana's lakes and rivers. Major wastewater treatment plant upgrades will likely be necessary in order for the City to meet the AMP standards that are curently being formulated by DEQ. These requirements will likely be implemented in the City's next discharge permit renewal scheduled for 2024.	Unknown, we would need to begin scoping project specifics immediately. Depending on project could maybe have design, bid build done by Q4 2028.	\$65,000,000	\$107,200,000	\$111,270,000	\$0	333.85%	

Eligible ARPA Projects - City Commissioner Suggestions - as of August 12, 2021										
Department	Ranking by Department	Item	Rationale	Timeline	Estimate Cost Provided by Department	Running Total		ARPA Funds		Eligibility Applicable Section and Reasoning
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Commissioner Houck		Place 25% in to savings	We don't know how the pandemic is going to hit us in the next year or two and may see people not paying personal property taxes and enterprises who are going out of business, who also won't pay.							Funds must be spent by 12-31-24
		Address lack of social engagement, mental health concerns and access to health care.	We can start by broadening our public safety committee and hire a lead staff person to work on mental health initiatives and policing can become a subcommittee.							ARPA provides funds to use in relation to mental health treatment, hotlines, and crisis intervention programs (p. 26791). Costs related to the implementation of evidence based violence intervention programs in low-income communities are also eligible (p.26791).  This would potentially tie into the CIP program application submitted by Alluvion Health in cooperation with GFPD. Alluvion's application includes funding for personnel, training and equipment related to the program. GFPD is comfortable with the proposed program as it is envisioned at this time.  Staff Person would be better attached to another funding source. ARPA related expenses must be incurred by 12-31-24 and are better tailored to one time expenses as opposed to ongoing.
		Parking Garage Improvements	City's parking garages. Ideas include automation, cosmetic appeal, and in one of the garages, probably the one closest to the Civic Center, perhaps a remodel that will allow for events or alternate use of some kind. Some parking garages rent out retail space for coffee kiosks, etc. Staff is also requesting funding for security cameras and maintenance and repairs up to \$1 million.		\$120,000 to \$1 million					HOWEVER, projects in the Parking Garage must be either (1) related to the mitigation/response to the COVID-19 pandemic, (2) support the safe reopening of tourism or business districts closed due to COVID-19, or (3) be considered a project that was delayed by the pandemic. Creating rental space would likely be ineligible unless it was proposed before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.  Security cameras could be considered a safety/security measure that supports the safe reopening of the downtown tourism/business district.  Remodeling for alternate uses or designating/building rental space would likely be ineligible. Unless it could be demonstrated that the plans were in place and delayed by the pandemic.
Commissioner Moe		Mansfield Theatre	The theatre is really woefully unfriendly on an ADA basis and desperately needs an upgrade even apart from that. The upgrade will likely result in less seating, which will could affect revenues, but it's time. Past time. Events Staff is also listing this as a request		\$650,000					Please see responses to Admin - Events dept. requests.

Eligible ARPA Projects - Mayor Kelly's Suggestions as of August 12, 2021										
Department	Priority Ranking by	Item	Rationale	Timeline	Estimate Cost Provided by Department	Running Total		ARPA Funds		Eligibility Applicable Section and Reasoning
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Mayor Kelly		Alluvion Crisis Intervention Program	This helps GFPD and is a timely and needed service							Please See Response to Commissioner Houck Item #2.
		Downtown Broadband								<p>Broadband Infrastructure is explicitly eligible according to ARPA.</p> <p>HOWEVER, two Internet Service Providers are negotiating contracts with the city to install fiber optic connectivity throughout the entire city. This installation will provide extremely high speed internet access to the entire community. If this installation goes as expected, the City will have an infrastructure in place that will surpass the goal upload/download speeds of the Interim Rule.</p> <p>The suddenly active ISP market in Great Falls and the apparent impending installation of high speed fiber optics across the City will address any shortcomings that may have been eligible expenditures under the ARPA criteria. Multiple departments and an outside consultant have classified investing in Broadband Infrastructure as a bad investment, <b>at this time</b>.</p>
		Extension of sewer and water lines, road access for work force housing	Idea: create a matching funds programs where the local jurisdiction matches state funding to create infrastructure that would be used to create homes and apartment homes that would serve families with income below a given level of income.							Please see above responses to Public Works requests related to Water and Sewer Infrastructure Eligibility.