



Senate Local Govt. Comm.
Exhibit No. 4
Date 1-13-2005
Bill No. 116

GALLATIN COUNTY

January 13, 2005

Honorable Senator Jeff Mangan
Senate - Local Government
PO Box 200500
Helena MT 59620-0500

Re: Senate Bill No. 116 - Revising Subdivision Laws

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The blizzard and poor road conditions are preventing our attendance at today's hearing on Senate Bill 116 before Senate - Local Government. This department wishes to express our support for this bill and appreciation for the proposed changes made to the Montana Subdivision & Platting Act at the request of the Education and Local Government Interim Committee, and introduced by Senator Rick Laible.

The Gallatin County Planning Department has reviewed the bill and finds the amendments would positively improve the Montana Subdivision & Platting Act. Over the years, we have worked with certain inconsistencies within the Act, and now appreciate resolving such discrepancies with the proposed amendments.

We agree with the technical amendments requested by Senator Laible, in today's 1st Reading, dated 1/13/5. We offer the following suggestion to Section 3, §76-3-504(1)(p)(iv) to provide further consistency:

- (iv) requires that a preapplication meeting take place no more than 30 15 working days from the date that the agent or agency receives a written request for a preapplication meeting from the subdivider; and

We will continue to track the progress of this important bill. We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Stay warm!

Sincerely,


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Gallatin County Planning Director


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Subdivision & Zoning