

Senate Local Government Committee

SB 116 Hearing

City of Billings Recommendations

January 13, 2005

- The bill needs to clarify when it refers to preliminary or final plat. For example, without that clarification a jurisdiction could say the time lines also apply to final plats.
- The bill also needs to be clearer in the difference between required element information and 'adequate' information.
 - 76-3-605 Section 9 – This new section is problematic. The term, public comments, is very generic. Any member of the public could make comments (but to whom, the governing body, the staff, the neighbors?) and at any time (how long after the first hearing would new information be accepted?) It does not say what the notice requirements are for the second hearing. Perhaps the Planning Board should also be allowed to hold the subsequent meeting in lieu of the governing body.
 - Section 76-2-609 (2) (d) – Exemptions should only be allowed if they comply with an adopted Growth Policy. This would also encourage adoption of Growth Policies.
 - Section 76-3-625 – It would be ideal if we could limit those who can sue.

*Suggested changes in bill draft language regarding these points have been provided to Senator Laible.

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