

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA TO STUDY LAND USE LAWS.

WHEREAS, many bills in the 2009 Legislature attempted to tackle perceived land use problems; and
WHEREAS, land use laws are revised every legislative session, sometimes with unintended
consequences that lead to frustration for the development community, local governing bodies, and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to
section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to study land use regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study analyze how to balance the protection of public health,
safety, and welfare with the rights of private property owners and how to respect the distinctive characteristics
of our local communities by enabling local control over land use regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be
presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 62nd Legislature.

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