

**TOWN ORDINANCE NUMBER 32
OF THE
TOWN OF LIMA
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LIMA, MONTANA,
ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF LIMA PLANNING BOARD PURSUANT TO TITLE 76,
CHAPTER 1, MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED.**

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated Title 76, Chapter 1 authorizes municipalities to establish planning boards for the purpose of promoting the orderly development of the municipality and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Lima recognizes the value of thoughtful planning to support the health, safety, prosperity, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that a Planning Board will assist the Town in addressing current and future needs related to growth, housing, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, recreation, and community development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lima has complied with the requirements of Montana Code Annotated § 76-1-105 and has received confirmation from Beaverhead County that the Town may proceed with the establishment of an independent municipal planning board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA 7-1-4127, the Town Clerk advertised the public hearings by posting in the five public places designated by Resolution 2006-3 and on the town website on 7/20/2026 and 7/27/2026 for the first reading and 8/17/2026 and 8/24/2026 for the second reading; and

WHEREAS, public hearings on the proposed Ordinance were held, as scheduled, on 8/10/2026 and 9/14/2026 before the Lima Town Council at the Lima Town Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LIMA, MONTANA:

Section 1 - Establishment:

The Town of Lima Planning Board is hereby established pursuant to Title 76, Chapter 1, Montana Code Annotated.

Section 2 - Purpose:

The Planning Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council and shall perform those duties authorized by Montana law, including the study, development, and recommendation of plans and policies related to the orderly growth and development of the Town of Lima.

Section 3 - Membership:

A. Composition

The Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed as follows:

1. One member to be appointed by the town council from its membership;
2. One member to be appointed by the town council, who may in the discretion of the town council be an employee or hold public office in the town or county in which the town is located;
3. One member to be appointed by the mayor upon the designation by the county commissioners of the county in which the town is located;
4. Four citizen members to be appointed by the mayor, two of whom shall be resident freeholders within the urban area, if any, outside of the town limits over which the planning board has jurisdiction under this chapter and two of whom shall be resident freeholders within the town limits.

B. Qualifications

Citizen members shall be residents of the Town of Lima or residents of the surrounding designated jurisdictional area who have a demonstrated interest in the future development and welfare of the community.

Efforts should be made to ensure representation from a variety of backgrounds, occupations, and community interests.

Members shall serve staggered three-year terms. Initial appointments shall be made so that the terms are staggered to the extent practicable.

Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 3 - Organization:

The Planning Board shall organize itself by electing a Chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary and shall establish meeting procedures consistent with Montana law.

Section 4 – Jurisdiction:

The jurisdiction of the Planning Board shall be the incorporated municipal limits of the Town of Lima.

Section 5 - Duties:

The Planning Board shall perform those duties assigned under Montana Code Annotated Title 76, Chapter 1, and such additional planning-related duties as may be assigned by the Town Council.

Should any court declare any part of this ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, shall remain in effect.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT 30 DAYS AFTER SECOND READING AND APPROVAL

Date of First Reading and Approval:

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LIMA, MONTANA, this 10th day of August, 2026.

Mayor David D. Olsen

Date

ATTEST:

Dina Young, Town Clerk

Date

Date of Second Reading and Approval:

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LIMA, MONTANA, this 14th day of September, 2026.

Mayor David D. Olsen

Date

ATTEST:

Dina Young, Town Clerk

Date