LARAMIE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO: 2023-48

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING THE 2023 LARAMIE GROWTH AREA PLAN-A COLLABORATION BETWEEN ALBANY COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LARAMIE-IN ITS ENTIRETY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Laramie, Wyoming adopted policy goals for 2022 in a resolution signed on February 15, 2022. One of the 3 milestones for the policy goal on Intergovernmental Collaboration states: "City and County will create and adopt a joint agreement for development within the rural/urban interface high-priority growth area, inclusive of infrastructure, wastewater management and economic growth."

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021 the Albany County Board of Commissioners and the City of Laramie City Council entered into a formal MOU for a collaborative and coordinated growth management effort through the establishment of the joint growth area agreement.

WHEREAS, The Albany County Board of Commissioners is following the County's approved process for adopting the Laramie Growth Area Plan.

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2021 the County and City published a Request for Proposal for Albany County and City of Laramie Growth Area Management Plan and Regulations;

WHEREAS, a joint review of proposals was conducted by City and County Staff which resulted in a contract that was made and duly executed with Logan Simpson (Contractor) on February 15, 2022, in accordance with the authorization by majority vote of the duly elected members of the City Council of Laramie at its regular meeting held in the City Council Chambers in Laramie, Wyoming on said 15th day of February 2022, by majority vote of the duly elected members of the Board of County Commissioners of Albany County taken at its meeting held in the Albany County Courthouse in Laramie, Wyoming on said 15th day of February 2022, and by Contractor on said 1st day of March 2022;

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Laramie City Council and Albany County Board of Commissioners appointed an Intergovernmental Committee made of elected officials and planning commissioners from both localities as well as City and County staff to oversee the development of the Laramie Growth Area Plan;

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Committee held a kickoff meeting in June 2022 to formulate the direction of the planning process and public input plan.

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Committee met in July 2022 to provide input on the Joint Growth Area Scenarios that would be classified in Laramie Area Growth Plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie Planning Commission and the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission met at a Joint Work Session in September 2022 to provide input on Development Standards and the Review Process of the Laramie Area Growth Plan and the regulatory framework needed to achieve the plan's vision.

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie Planning Commission and the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission met at a Joint Work Session in November 2022 to provide input on the Laramie Area Growth Plan and the Intergovernmental Agreement needed to achieve the plan's vision.

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie Planning Commission and the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission met at a Joint Work Session in January 2023 to provide input on the Laramie Area Growth Plan and the process of plan adoption.

WHEREAS, City, County, and Contractor staff held numerous public workshops and meetings with community organizations, landowners and stakeholders to identify community issues, needs, goals and priorities as they related to future development within the Laramie Growth Area;

WHEREAS, the 2023 Laramie Growth Area Plan and all its chapters, maps, and exhibits was developed based on the input received through the public process noted within the resolution and the plan;

WHEREAS, the 2023 Laramie Growth Area Plan includes territory outside the corporate boundary of the City of Laramie to provided for orderly growth within the Laramie Growth Area, which Albany County is jointly approving the plan in cooperation with the City of Laramie;

WHEREAS, the Laramie Planning Commission held public hearings on the 2023 Laramie Growth Area Plan on September 22, 2022; October 24, 2022; November 14, 2022; and April 10, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Laramie Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the Laramie Growth Area Plan as presented at their April 10, 2023 regular meeting.

WHEREAS, the Albany County Board of Commissioners certified the Laramie Growth Area Plan as presented at their July 18, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

Section 1. Wyoming State Statue § 16-1-101 endorses joint planning efforts like the Laramie Area Growth Plan with the following language: "In exercising, performing or carrying out any power, privilege, authority, duty or function legally vested in any one (1) or more of them by Wyoming law, the state of Wyoming, and any one (1) or more of its counties, municipal corporations, school districts, special districts, public institutions, agencies, boards, commissions and political subdivisions, and any officer or legal representative of any one (1) or more of them, may cooperate with and assist each other, and like entities or authorities of other states, the United States and the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation. Cooperation may be informal or subject to resolution, ordinance or other appropriate action, and may be embodied in a written agreement specifying purposes, duration, means of financing, methods of operations, termination, acquisition and disposition of property, employment of executive and subordinate agents, reciprocation of governmental immunity protections or other limitations of liability pursuant to W.S. 16-1-104(f) and other appropriate provisions."

Therefore, pursuant to Wyoming State Statue § 16-1-101, the Laramie City Council hereby adopts the 2023 Laramie Area Growth Area Management Plan in its entirety, included as Attachment A, for the physical development of the Laramie Growth Area (LGA) as described in the plan.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED the 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2023

Brian Harrington,
Mayor and President of the City Council

Attest:
Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk