

STATE OF MONTANA

Office of the Governor

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Executive Order designating the Department of Community Affairs as Montana's Land Use Planning Agency.

WHEREAS, the conflicts in emerging patterns of land use, the fragmentation of land use planning powers within government at all levels and the increased size and impacts of private actions on the land based resources of our state have created a situation which calls for substantially improved planning coordination within and between the state, local and federal governments;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Montana to encourage and support city, town and county government as the principal governmental units for land use planning and regulation;

WHEREAS, the significant impacts of land use decisions by the state government and the complex and interrelated activities inherent in state land use planning and local planning assistance are conducive to duplication, overlap and conflict of effort unless general coordinative responsibility and authority is centralized within a single state agency.

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the State of Montana, under the authority vested in me, do hereby designate the Department of Community Affairs as Montana's land use planning agency.

The Department of Community Affairs is charged with:

1. coordinating those land use planning activities of state government which have significant impacts on the activities and plans of other state agencies and local government;

2. developing and maintaining a centralized information center containing the physical, social and economic data required by the land use planning process at the state and local level;

3. initiating and maintaining interagency and intergovernmental discussion and cooperation concerning land use planning and the attainment of common goals;

4. serving this office through review and comment on land use issues requiring involvement of the chief executive; and

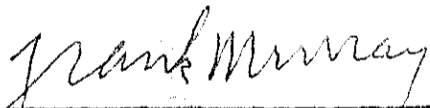
5. coordinating communications between state, federal and local government concerning major land use policy proposals.

Designation of the Department of Community Affairs as the state land use planning agency is not to be construed as a reassignment of those planning and planning-related responsibilities and authorities presently mandated or permitted by statute and administrative rules, but is to enhance any such planning activities through more effective coordination with other governmental agencies.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great SEAL of the State of Montana this first day of July in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five.


THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the
State of Montana

ATTEST:



FRANK MURRAY
Secretary of State