



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

01/13/2025 25-049

Council Meeting Date: 01/13/2025

Item No: 25-049

Responsible Dept: City Manager



Requested Action: Order



Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Declaring the 2024-2025 City Council Year's Priority to be the "Year of Building", a Commitment to Housing, Economic Development, Relationships and More

**Summary**

During the annual priority setting session and subsequent workshops, the City Council discussed and indicated a desire to prioritize building and expanding upon the progress to date as it relates to housing, economic development, relationships and more.

Last year, significant progress was made to increase the opportunities for all residents to have access to quality housing that meets their needs, which enhances well-being and economic vitality, all of which support the creation of a more vibrant and inclusive community. While the process to create more housing opportunities can be lengthy, the City Council is committed to continuing to take the required actions that will positively impact the future.

Economic development has a ripple effect, which can positively impact many aspects of our community including; increased employment opportunities and household income, investments in infrastructure, health and well-being, and innovation and technology, increased tax revenues, as well as the cultural, social and environmental benefits. The City Council has identified three areas that are well-positioned for economic development; the Bangor Mall and downtown areas as well as the city-owned development parcels, all of which will be emphasized in the coming year.

Local government plays a vital role in the daily lives of our constituency. Local elected officials and city staff are more accessible to residents, and as members of the community we serve, we have a deeper understanding of the unique needs, challenges and strengths and challenges of the City. We are responsible for the provision of essential services, encourage and facilitate public participation in the decision-making process; and can be more flexible and responsive to changing conditions. As many issues transcend local or state boundaries, ensuring the City cultivates and fosters relationships with other levels of government, businesses and organizations is imperative to support an alignment of policies, an effective and equitable distribution of resources, the development and implementation of comprehensive solutions, policies and programs, as well as public trust and confidence.

By establishing 2024-2025 as the Year of Building, the City Council has committed to investing in today and the future.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Council Workshop

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 12/09/2024

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** New Business





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Assigned to Councilor: Beck

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Whereas, the City Council has declared 2024-2025 Council Year's Priority to be the Year of Building; and

Whereas, the City Council has committed to continue and build upon prior efforts to increase the opportunities for all residents to have access to quality housing that meets their needs; and

Whereas, the City Council has committed to focusing on economic development to positively impact our community; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes and values the need to foster collaboration with internal and external stakeholders in order to lead to better policy and resource development and deployment;

Now, Therefore Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the 2024-2025 City Council Year will be the "year of Building" by focusing our efforts on making strategic decisions that provide immediate benefits while also ensuring long-term growth and sustainability.