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KALISPELL - The Kalispell City Council has voted to approve changes to zoning regulations in the core area of downtown.

Kalispell City Planner Tom Jentz says the council unanimously approved the new designations for B-3 zoning in the city's core -- more specifically along what will be the area around former railroad tracks.



The council has approved changes for the Kalispell Core area. (MTN News photo)

Jentz told MTN News that the change will make way to allow for increased building heights, changes in setback requirements and allow multi-family residential development.

He added that the council approving such a change in zoning for the area shows their willingness to help downtown grow.

"We did things like remove front yard setbacks, so businesses can build right up to the front street line, like they do in downtown Kalispell. We are allowing multi-family housing as a permitted use. We're encouraging multi-family housing and housing in general on second and third floors of buildings," Jentz explained.

"We're talking about reducing parking demand and parking standards in the core area. So all these things are incentives help encourage people to develop or redevelop their properties," he added.

The new zoning regulations have 30 days before they go into effect for the Kalispell Core area.

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