



# City of Hamilton Planning & Building

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Hamilton, Montana 59840

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Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

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On July 22, 2019, the City of Hamilton Zoning Board of Adjustment approved a Conditional Use Permit for the Bitter Root Humane Association (BRHA) to build a new shelter, subject to conditions which include providing sufficient sound mitigation to ensure that there is no additional noise impact for adjacent property owners. Some adjacent owners appealed that decision to the District Court, and those owners have already been provided information regarding ongoing noise monitoring and mitigation options.

The City has been monitoring noise levels from the current shelter and will continue to do so. The City is sending this letter to you as a neighboring resident in the event you would like to be informed regarding the mitigation that may be implemented for the new shelter and the effect such mitigation is anticipated to have on noise. You may also provide comments regarding the loudest or most problematic times when animal noise from the shelter has been noted at your property, and the City will use this information to help determine an accurate baseline for facility noise going forward and the options that would best mitigate as many noise impacts on the surrounding properties as possible.

While the City understands that noise levels from the new outdoor areas cannot be conclusively established until the new building is constructed, the City will continue discussions with the BRHA and its construction professionals regarding potential mitigation that will protect the neighboring properties as well as minimize potential costs to the BRHA.

If you would like to provide comment, or to be placed on a mailing list to receive updates on any mitigation imposed, **please contact the City of Hamilton Planning and Building Department by emailing [dpwsec@cityofhamilton.net](mailto:dpwsec@cityofhamilton.net) or calling (406) 363-3316 by January 17, 2020.**

Sincerely,

Matthew Rohrbach, AICP  
City of Hamilton Planner

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